

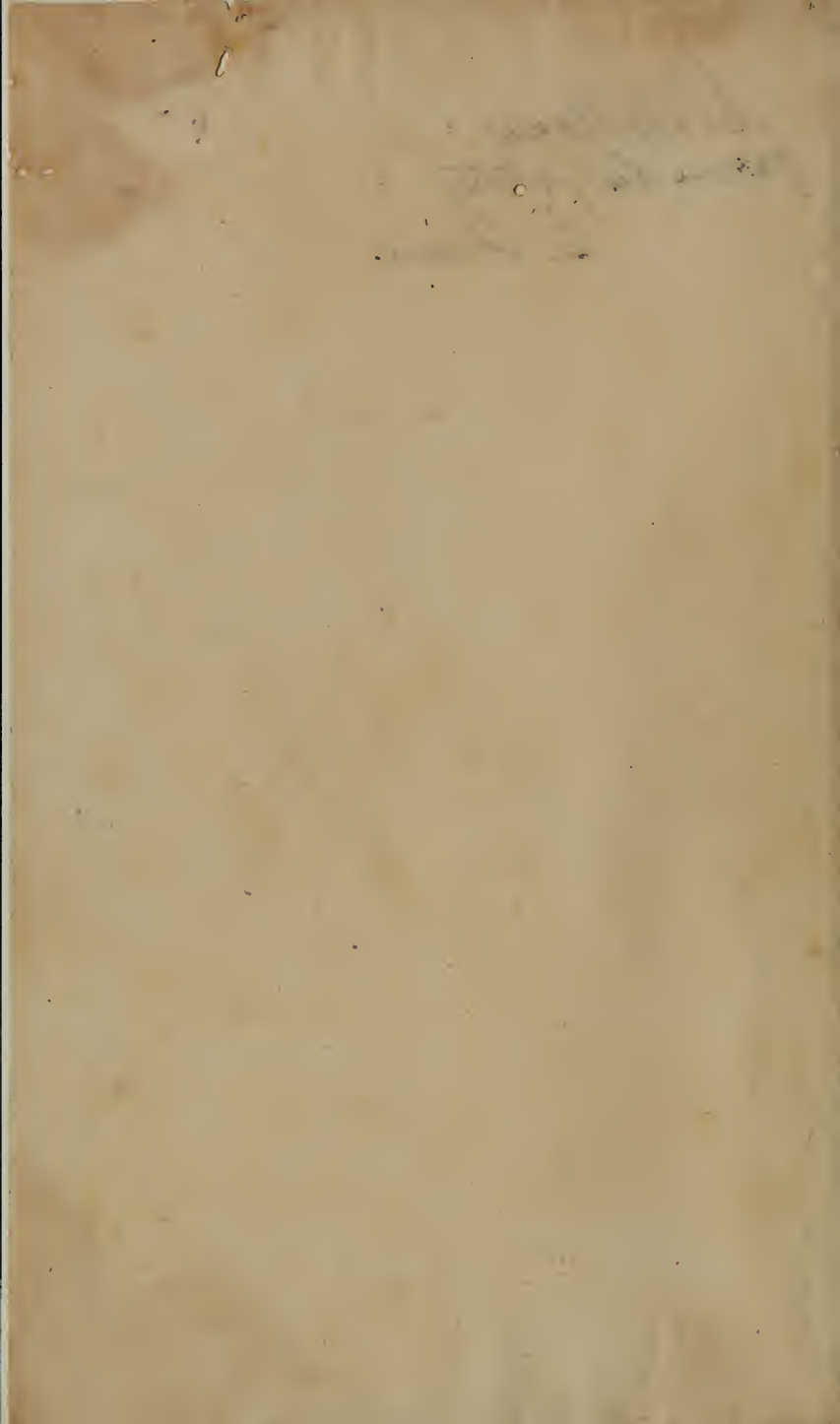


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Edward Earle of CLARENDON, Lord High CHANCELLOR of England  
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# HISTORY

OF THE

REBELLION and CIVIL WARS

IN

# ENGLAND,

Begun in the Year 1641.

With the precedent Passages, and Actions, that contributed thereunto, and the happy End, and Conclusion thereof by the KING's blessed RESTORATION, and RETURN, upon the 29<sup>th</sup> of *May*, in the Year 1660.

Written by the Right Honourable

EDWARD Earl of CLARENDON;

Late Lord High Chancellor of *England*, Privy Counsellor in the Reigns of King CHARLES the First and the Second.

*Κἴμα ἐς ἀεί. Thucyd.*

*Ne quid Falsi dicere audeat, ne quid Veri non audeat. Cicero.*

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# TO THE QUEEN.

MADAM,

**W**ITH all Duty and Submission comes into the World the last part of this History under Your Majesty's Protection; a just Tribute to Your Majesty, as well on the account of the Memory of the Author, so long engaged, and so usefully, in the Service of the Crown, as of the work it self, so worthily memorable for the great Subject He treats of; and so instructive, by his noble way of treating it.

This work, now it is compleatly publish'd, relates the Transactions of near Twenty Years, hardly to be parallel'd in any other time, or place, for the wonderful turns, and passages in it. In this space of Time, Your Majesty sees Your own Country at the highest pitch of Happiness and Prosperity, and the lowest degree of Adversity and Misery. So that, when a Man carries his Thoughts and

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his Memory over all the Occurrences of those Times, he seems to be under the power of some Enchantment, and to dream, rather than read the Relations of so many surprising Revolutions. The Peace and the Plenty of this Kingdom, and, in so short a space of time, the bloody dissolution of it by a most wicked Rebellion, the ruin of so many noble and great Families, and the devastation of their Estates; and, after this, the Restitution of all things as at the Beginning, is hardly credible at this time, even so soon after all these things came to pass.

When Your Majesty sees one of Your Royal Ancestors, the first who liv'd to Reign as Heir to the two Crowns of Great Britain united, and, on that account, higher in Reputation, Honour, and Power, than any of his Predecessors, brought, by unaccountable Administrations on the one hand, and by vile Contrivances on the other, into the greatest difficulties and distresses throughout all his Kingdoms; then left and abandon'd by most of his Servants, whom he had himself raised to the greatest Honours, and Preferments; thus reduced to have scarce one faithful able Councillor about him, to whom he could breathe his Conscience and Complaints, and from whom he might expect one honest, sound, disinterested Advice: after this, how he was obliged to take up Arms, and to contend with his own Subjects in the Field for his Crown, the Laws, his Liberty, and Life; there meeting with unequal fortune, how he was driven from one part of the Kingdom, and from one Body of an Army to another, till at last he was brought under the power of cruel and merciless Men, Imprison'd, Arraign'd, Condemn'd, and Executed like a common Malefactor: And after this still, when Your Majesty sees his Enemies triumphing for a time in their own guilt, and ruling over their fellows, and first companions in wickedness, with successful Insolence, till these very Men by force, and fraud, and sundry artifices, still getting the better one of another, brought all Government into such Confusion and Anarchy, that no one of them could subsist; and how then, by God's Providence, the Heir of the Royal Martyr was invited and brought home by the Generality of  
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the People, and their Representatives, to return, and take on him the Government, in as full an Exercise of it as any of his Predecessors had ever enjoy'd, not subject to any of those Treaties, or Conditions, which had been so often offer'd by his Father to the Men then in credit, and power; and, in their pride and fury, had been as often rejected by them: When your Majesty sees before You all this begun, and carried on in Violence and War, and concluded in a peaceful Restauration, within the space of twenty years, by English Men alone amongst themselves, without the Intervention of any Foreign Power; many of the same hands joyning in the Recovery and Settlement, as they had done before in the Destruction of their Country; Your Majesty will certainly say,

This was the Lord's doing, and it must ever be marvellous in our eyes.

An Account of this great work of God coming to be publish'd in Your Majesty's time, it is humbly conceiv'd not improper to congratulate Your good fortune, that, in the beginning of Your Reign, such a History of the greatest Matters pass'd within Your own Dominions, comes to light; as well for the necessity there may be, after above forty years run out in a very unsettled and various management of the publick Affairs, to put Men in mind again of those mischiefs under which so many great Men fell on both sides, as in hopes, that on Your Majesty's account, and for the Glory of Your Name, whom Your People have universally receiv'd with joy, this Generation may be inclin'd to let these fresh examples of Good and Evil sink into their Minds, and make the deeper impression in them to follow the one, and avoid the other.

From the Year 1660 to very near 1685, which was the time of King Charles the Second's Reign here in England, it must needs be own'd, that, with all the very good Understanding, and excellent good Nature of that King, there was a great mixture of Counsels, and great vicissitudes of good and bad Events, almost throughout that space of time attending his Government. They seem indeed to be somewhat like the four Seasons of the Years;

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of which three Quarters are generally fair, hopeful, flourishing, and gay; but there come as constantly severe Winters, that freeze, wither, destroy, and cut off many hopeful plants, and expectations of things to come.

It must be own'd too, since it can never be concealed, that, from the beginning of the Restauration, there was, certainly, not such a Return to God Almighty for the wonderful Blessings he had pour'd out with so liberal a hand, as no doubt was due to the great Author and Giver of all that Happiness: Neither was there such a prudence in the Administration, or such a steadiness in the conduct of Affairs, as the fresh Experience of the foregone Misfortunes might well have forewarn'd those that were entrusted in it, to have pursued with Courage and Constancy. It is but too notorious there was great forgetfulness of God, as well as manifest Mistakes towards the World; which quickly brought forth fruits meet for such undutifulness, and ill conduct.

The next four Years after that Reign were attended with more fatal Miscarriages; over which it may be more decent to draw a Veil, than to enter into a particular enumeration of them. Many great Princes have been led unawares into irrecoverable Errors; and the greater they are, so many more particular Persons are usually involv'd in the Calamity.

What follow'd after this time, till Your Majesty's most happy coming to the Throne, is so fresh in the memory of all Men yet living, that every one will be best able to make his own observation upon it. Such Deliverances have their pangs in their Birth, that much weaken the Constitution, in endeavouring to preserve, and amend it.

And now Your Majesty, who succeeds to a Revolution, as well as a Restoration, has the advantage of a retrospect on all these Accidents, and the benefit of reviewing all the failings in those times; and whatsoever was wanting, at those opportunities of amending past Errors, in the management of Affairs, for the better establishment of the Crown, and the security of the true old English Government, it will be Your Majesty's happiness to supply

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*ply in Your time: A time in some sort resembling the auspicious beginning of King Charles the Second's Restoration; for in that time, as now in Your Majesty's, the People of this Kingdom ran cheerfully into Obedience; the chiefest Offenders lay quiet under a sense of their own Crimes, and an apprehension of the reward justly due to them; and all Your Subjects went out to meet Your Majesty with Duty, and most with Love.*

*Comparisons of Times may be as odious as that of Persons; and therefore no more shall be said here on that Subject, than that since the Restoration, and some few Years after it, given up to joy, and the forgetfulness of past Miseries, there hath been no time that brought so much hope of quiet, and so general a satisfaction to these Kingdoms, as that on which we saw Your Majesty so happily seated upon the Throne of Your Ancestors. Among all the signs of greatness and glory in a Prince's Reign, there is none more really advantageous, none more comfortable, than that which Virgil remarks as a felicity in the time of Augustus.*

*When Abroad the Sovereign is prosperous, and at Home does Govern Subjects willing to obey: When it is not fear that drives and compels them, but affection and loving kindness that draws them, to their Duty; and makes them rejoyce under the Laws by which they are Govern'd. Such was certainly the time of Your Majesty's first Entrance; and such God grant it may be Ever.*

*The two first Volumes of this History have laid before Your Majesty the original causes, and the foundations of the Rebellion, and Civil War; the contrivances, designs, and consultations in it; and the miserable events of it; and seem'd to have finish'd the whole War, when the Author, at the very end of the Ninth Book, says, that From that time there remain'd no possibility for the King to draw any more Troops together in the Field. And when there's an end of Action in the Field, the inquiries into the consequences afterwards are usually less warm.*

*But it happens in the Course of this History, that several new Scenes of new Wars, and the Events of them,*

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are open'd in this Volume; which, it is hoped, will prove exceeding useful, even in those parts, where, by reason of the sadness of the Subject, it cannot be delightful, and; in all other parts of it, both useful and delightful.

Your Majesty especially, who must have Your Heart perpetually intent to see what follow'd in the close of all those Wars, and by what means and methods the loss of all that Noble and Innocent Blood, and particularly that portion of the Royal Stream then spilt, was recompens'd upon Their Heads who were the Wicked Contrivers of the Parricide, and how at last the Miseries of these Nations, and the Sufferings of Your Royal Family were all recover'd by God Almighty's own unerring Hand, will, no doubt, be more agreeably entertain'd in this Volume with the Relation of the secret steps of the return of God's Mercy, than when he still seem'd openly to have forsaken His own oppressed Cause; wherein so much of what was dearest to Your self was so highly concern'd.

Of the Transactions within these Kingdoms, soon after the War was ended, especially just before and after the barbarous Murther of the Blessed King, this Author could have but short and imperfect Informations abroad. It cannot therefore justly be expected that he should be so full, or minute in many circumstances relating to the Actions and Consultations of that Party here at home, as are to be found in some other Writers, whose business it was to intend only such matters.

One thing indeed were very much to be wish'd, that he had given the World a more distinct, and particular Narrative of that Pious King's last most magnanimous Sufferings in his Imprisonments, Trial, and Death. But it seems the remembrance of all those deplorable Passages was so grievous, and insupportable to the Writer's mind, that he abhor'd the dwelling long upon them, and chose rather to contract the whole black Tragedy within too narrow a compass. But this is a loss that can only now be lamented, not repair'd.

But when the History brings Your Majesty to what the Noble Writer esteem'd one of his principal businesses in this Volume, to attend King Charles the Second, and his



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Two Royal Brothers, throughout all their wandrings, which take up a considerable share of it; and are most accurately and knowingly describ'd by him, as having been a constant Witness of most of them, it is presum'd, This part may give Your Majesty equal satisfaction to any that is gone before it. It will not be unpleasant to Your Majesty, since You have known so well the happy Conclusion of it, to see the Banish'd King under his long adverse Fortune; and how many Years of Trouble and Distress he patiently waited God Almighty's appointed time, for his Redemption from that Captivity.

In that disconsolate time of Distress and lowness of his Fortune; Your Majesty will find cause to observe, that there were Factions even Then in his little Court beyond Sea; so inseparable are such undecent and unchristian Contentions from all Communities of Men: They are like Tares sown by an Enemy amongst the Wheat, whilst good Men sleep.

Upon the Subject of the Factions in those days, there is a particular Passage in this History, of two Parties in that Court abroad, who thought it worth their while, even Then to be very industrious in prosecuting this Author with unjust and false Accusations. And the Author himself observes, that howsoever those Parties seem'd, on most other accounts, incompatible the one with the other, they were very heartily united in endeavouring to compass His destruction; and for no other reason, that ever appear'd, but his being an unwearied Assertor of the Church of England's Cause, and a constant Friend and Servant to the true Interest of it; to which either of Them was really more irreconcilable, than they were to each other, whatsoever they pretended.

This passage seems to deserve a particular reflection, because; within few Years after that King's Restoration, some of both those Parties joyn'd again in attacking this Noble Author, and accusing him anew of the very same pretended Crimes they had objected to him abroad; where there had been so much Malice shew'd on one side, and so much natural and irresistible Innocency appear'd on the other, that one would have thought, no Arrow out of the  
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same Quiver, could have been enough envenom'd to have hurt so faithful, so constant, and so tried a Servant to the Church and Crown.

This particular, and another, wherein Your Majesty will find what Advice this Author gave his Royal Master, upon the occasion of his being much pressed to go to Church to Charenton, and how some Intrigues, and Snares, cunningly laid on one side, were very plainly and boldly withstood on the other by this Author, will let the World see, why this Man was by any means to be remov'd if his Adversaries could effect it, as one that was perpetually crossing their Mischievous Designs, by an habitual course of adhering unmoveably to the Interest of this Church and Nation.

In the progress of this Book, Your Majesty will also find some very near that King whilst he was abroad, endeavouring to take advantage of the forlorn and desperate Circumstances of his Fortune, to perswade him, that the Party who had Fought for his Father, was an insignificant, a despicable, and undone Number of Men; and, on this account, putting him on the thoughts of Marrying some Roman Catholick Lady, who might engage those of that Religion, both at Home and Abroad, in his Majesty's Interest; Others at the same time, with equal importunity, recommending the power of the Presbyterians, as most able to do him Service, and bring him Home.

This Noble Author all this while persisted, in the integrity of his Soul, to use that credit his Faithfulness and Truth had gain'd him, to convince the King, that Forreign Force was a strength not desireable for him to depend on, and, if it were suspected to be on the Interest of Popery, of all things most likely to prevent, and disappoint his Restoration; that for his own Subjects, none of them were to be neglected; his Arms ought to be stretch'd out to receive them all; but the old Royal Party was That his Majesty should chiefly rely on, both to assist him in his Return, and afterwards to establish his Government.

This Noble Author had been a watchful observer of all that had passed in the time of the Troubles; and had the opportunity to have seen the Actions, and penetrated, in a  
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good measure, into the Consultations of those days, and was no ill Judge of the Temper and Nature of Mankind; and He, it seems, could not be of opinion, but that They who had ventur'd all for the Father, would be the truest and firmest Friends to the Son.

Whether this grew up in him to be his judgement, from his observation of the Rules of Nature, and a general practice in all Wise Men to depend most on the Service, and Affection of those who had been steady to them in their distresses; or whether a Lukewarm Trimming indifferency, though sometimes dignified with the Character of Politicks; did not suit with His plain dealing, it is certain, he never could Advise a Prince to hold a Conduct that should grieve, and disoblige his old Friends, in hope of getting new ones, and make all his old Enemies rejoyce. But however his Malicious Prosecutors afterwards scandalized him, as being the Author of such Counsels, and objected to him what was their own advice and practice, He really thought this kind of Conduct weaken'd the hands, and tended to the Subversion of any Government. And the success has approv'd this judgement; for in the very inconstant, and variable Administration under that King, it was found by Experience, and to this day the Memorials of it are extant, that he had Quiet and Calm days, or more Rough and Boisterous Weather, as he favour'd, or discountenanced his own Party; call'd indeed a Party by the Enemies of it, upon a Levelling Principle of allowing no distinctions; though all who have contended against it, were properly but Parties; whilst that was then, and is still, on the advantage-ground of being Establish'd by the Laws, and Incorporated into the Government.

By degrees your Majesty is brought, in the course of this History, as it were to the Top of some exalted height, from whence You may behold all the Errors and Misfortunes of the Time past with advantage to Your self; may view Armies drawn up, and Battles Fought, without Your part of the Danger; and by the Experience of former Misfortunes, Establish Your own Security.

It seems to be a Situation not unlike that of the Temple of Wisdom in Lucretius; from whence he advises his

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*Readers to look down on all the Vanity and Hurry of the World. And as that Philosophical Poët does very movingly describe the pursuits of those whom he justly styles Miserable Men, distracting themselves in wearisome Contentions about the Business and Greatness of an empty World; so does this Noble Historian with true and evident deductions from one Cause and Event to another, and such an agreeable thread of entertainment, that one is never content to give over reading, bring Your Majesty to an easy ascent over all the knowledge of those Miserable times; from whence not in speculation only, but really and experimentally, You may look down on all the folly, and madness and wickedness of those secret Contrivances, and open Violences, whereby the Nation, as well as the Crown, was brought to Desolation; and see how falsely and weakly those great and busy disturbers of Peace pretended Reformation, and Religion, and to be seeking God in every one of their Rebellious and Sinful Actions; whereas God was not to be found in their Thunder, nor their Earthquakes, that seem'd to shake the foundations of the World; but in the still voice of Peace he came at last, to defeat and disappoint all their Inventions: That God; to whom Vengeance belongs, arose; and shew'd himself in defence of that Righteous Cause of the Crown and Church; which Your Majesty will observe to have been Combin'd against, Fought with, Overthrown, and in the end Rais'd and Reestablished together. Now these things happen'd for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition.*

*It is now most humbly submitted to Your Majesty's Judgment, whether the consideration of these matters, set forth in this History, be not the most useful prospect, not for Your self only, but Your Noblest Train, Your great Council, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in Parliament assembled.*

*When Your Majesty is so attended; by God's blessing, no Power on Earth will be able to disappoint Your Wisdom, or resist Your Will. And there may be need of all this Power and Authority, to preserve and defend Your Subjects, as well as your Crown, from the like Distractions and Invasions. There may want the concurrence of a*  
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Parliament, to prevent the return of the same mischievous Practices, and to restrain the madness of Men of the same Principles in this Age, as destroy'd the last: such as think themselves even more capable than those in the last, to carry on the like wicked designs; such as take themselves to be inform'd, even from this History, how to mend the mistakes then committed by the principal Directors on that side, and by a more refin'd skill in wickedness to be able once again to overthrow the Monarchy, and then to perpetuate the destruction of it.

There is no doubt, Madam, but every thing that is represented to Your Majesty of this Nature, will find a Party ready to deny it; that will joyn hand in hand to assure the World there is no such thing. It is a Common Cause, and it is their Interest, if they can, to perswade Men, that it is only the heat and warmth of High-Church Inventions, that suggest such Fears and Jealousies.

But let any impartial Person judge, to whom all the Libertines of the Republican Party are like to unite themselves; and whether it is imaginable, that the Establish'd Government either in Church or State, can be strengthened, or serv'd by them. They must go to the Enemies of Both, and pretend there is no such thing as a Republican Party in England, that they may be the less observ'd, and go on the more secure in their destructive Projects.

They can have no better Game to play, than to declare, that none but Jacobites alarm the Nation with these Apprehensions; and that Jacobites are much greater Enemies than Themselves to Your Majesty. Let that be so: no Man, in his Wits, can say any thing to Your Majesty in behalf of any, let them be who they will, that will not own Your Government, and wish the Prosperity and the Happiness of it, and contribute all they can to maintain it.

But whilst these Men most falsely asperse the Sons of the Church of England for being Jacobites, let them rather clear themselves of what they were lately charged before Your Majesty, that there are Societies of them which celebrate the horrid Thirtieth of January, with an execrable Solemnity of scandalous Mirth; and that they  
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have Seminaries, and a sort of Universities, in England, maintain'd by great Contributions, where the fiercest Doctrines against Monarchical, and Episcopal Government, are Taught and Propogated, and where they bear an implacable hatred to Your Majesty's Title, Name, and Family.

This seems to be a Torrent that cannot be resisted but by the whole Legislative Authority; neither can Your Throne, which they are thus perpetually assaulting, or undermining, be supported by a less Power.

In these difficulties Your great Council will, over and above their Personal duty to Your Majesty, take themselves to be more concern'd to be zealous in the defence of Your Royal Prerogative, as well as of their own just Rights and Privileges, in that it was under the Name and Style of a Parliament, though very unjustly so called, that all the Mischiefs mention'd in this History were brought upon the Kingdom.

They best can discover the Craft and Subtilty formerly used in those Consultations; which first inveigled, and drew Men in from one wickedness to another, before they were aware of what they were doing; and engaged them to think themselves not safe, but by doing greater Evils than they began with.

They will, no doubt, be filled with a just indignation against all that Hypocrisy and Villany, by which the English Name, and Nation, were exposed to the Censure of the rest of the World: They only can be able to present Your Majesty with remedies proper, and adequate to all these Evils, by which God may be Glorified, and the ancient Constitution of this Government Retriev'd, and Supported.

There is one Calamity more, that stands in need of a Cure from Your own Sovereign hand. It is in truth a peculiar Calamity fallen most heavily on this Age, which though it took its chief rise from the disorderly dissolute times of those Wars, and has monstrously increased ever since, yet was never own'd so much as Now, and that is a barefaced contempt, and disuse of all Religion whatsoever. And indeed what could so much feign'd  
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*Sanctity, and so much real Wickedness, during that Rebellion begun in 1641, produce else in foolish Mens hearts, than to say, There is no God?*

*This Irreligion was they pretended to be cover'd with a more signal Morality and precise strictness in Life and Conduſt, which was to be a recompence for the loss of Christianity. But now, even that Shadow of Godliness and Virtue is fled too. Atheism, and Profaness, diligently cultivated, have not failed to produce a prostitution of all Manners in contempt of all Government.*

*This Profaness and Impiety seems, next to the horrible Confusions of the late Rebellion, to have gain'd ground chiefly by this method, that, when many who have been in Authority have not, on several Accounts, been heartily affected to the support of the Church Establish'd by Law, there has crept in, by little and little, a liberty against all Religion. For where the chief Advisers or Managers of Publick Affairs, have inclin'd to alterations, which the Establish'd Rules have not countenanced, they durst not cause the Laws to be put in Execution, for fear of turning the force of them on Themselves; so their next refuge has been to suffer Men to observe no Discipline, or Government at all.*

*Thus the Church of England, put to Nurse, as it were, sometimes to such as have been inclined to Popery, and sometimes to other Sects, and sometimes to Men indifferent to all Religion, hath been in danger of being starv'd, or overlaid, by all of them; and the ill consequence has redounded not only to the Members of that Communion, but to all the Professors of Christianity it self.*

*Whoever have ventur'd to give warning of these wicked designs and practices, have been render'd as Persons of ill temper and very bad affections. They that have been in Credit and Authority, have been frequently inclin'd to be favourable to the Men complain'd of; it has been offer'd on their behalf, that their intentions were good; and that it was even the Interest of the Government to cover their Principles, whatever might be the consequences of them.*

*Thus these Mischiefs have been still growing, and no Laws have hitherto reach'd them; and, possibly, they are  
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become incapable of a remedy; unless your Majesty's great Example of Piety and Virtue shall have sufficient influence to amend them: No honest Man can say it is not reasonable, and even necessary, to watch them; and that, in compassion to Your Subjects, as well as Justice to Your self. This History hath shewn Your Majesty ~~Your~~ <sup>Your</sup> Fruits in the late Times, by which You shall know them still; for Your Majesty well remembers Who has said, that

Men do not gather Grapes of Thorns, or Figs of Thistles.

That God may give Your Majesty a discerning Spirit, a wise, and understanding Heart, to judge aright of all things that belong to Your Peace; that He may enable You to subdue Your Enemies Abroad by successful Counsels, and Arms, and to reduce Your Ill willers at Home by prudent Laws, administer'd with the Meekness of Wisdom; that he would give You Length of Days in one hand, and Riches and Honour in the other; that You, in Your days, may have the Glory to restore good Nature (for which the English Nation was formerly so celebrated) and good Manners, as well as the sincere Profession, and Universal Practice of the True Religion, in Your Kingdoms; and that His Almighty Power may defend You with His favourable Kindness as with a Shield, against all Your Adversaries of every kind, are the Zealous, Constant, and Devout Prayers of so many Millions, that it were the highest presumption in any One Person, to subscribe a particular Name to so Universal a Concern.



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Jer. XXX. 6.

*Wherefore do I see every Man with his hands on his loins, as a Woman in travail, and all faces are turn'd into paleness?*

Jer. XLVII. 6.

*O thou sword of the Lord, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thy self into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.*

Ezek. XXXIV. 2.

*Woe be to the Shepherds of Israel, that do feed themselves; should not the Shepherds feed the Flocks?*

**T**HE Actions of the last Year were attended with so many dismal Accidents and Events, that there were no seeds of hope left to spring up in this ensuing ill year; for it was enough discern'd how little success the Treaty with the *Scots* would produce; which yet the King did not desire to put a period to, otherwise than by positively declaring, "That he would never consent to the alteration of the Church Government, but was willing enough that they should entertain any other hopes, and was not himself without hope, that by satisfying the Ambition, and Interest of particular Men, he might mitigate the rigour of the Presbyterian Faction; and to that purpose Monsieur *Montrevil* was gone from *London* to the *Scottish* Army, then before *Newark*, having taken *Oxford* in his way, and so given an Account to

the King of his observations, and receiv'd from him such Information and Instruction as was necessary for the work in hand.

IN the mean time no ways were left untryed to draw such a Body of an Army together, as might enable his Majesty to make some attempt upon the Enemy; and if he could, by all possible endeavours, have drawn out of all his Garrisons left, a force of five thousand Horse and Foot (which at that time seem'd a thing not to be despaired of) he did more desire to have lost his life, in some signal attempt upon any part of the Enemies Army, than to have enjoyed any conditions which he foresaw he was ever like to obtain by Treaty; and he was not out of hope of a Body of five thousand Foot to be landed in *Cornwal*, which his Letters from *France* confidently promised, and which had been so much expected, and depended upon by the Prince, that it kept him from transporting himself into *Silly*, till *Fairfax* was march'd (as hath been said before) within little more than twenty Miles of *Pendennis*. For Sr *Dudley Wyat* had been sent expressly from the Lord *Fermyn*, to assure the Prince, that such a Body of five thousand Foot were actually rais'd under the Command of *Ruvignie*, and should be Embark'd for *Pendennis* within less than a month; and the Lord *Fermyn*, in a Postscript to that Letter which he writ to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Sr *Dudley Wyat*, wish'd him not to be too strict in the computation of the Month from the date of the Letter, because there might be accidents of Winds at that Season; but he desired him to be confident, that they should be all landed within the expiration of six Weeks, and by that Measure to conduct the resolutions, and to decline fighting upon that Account: After all this, it is as true, that there was never a Man at this time levied, or design'd for that Expedition, only the Name of *Ruvignie* (because he was of the Religion, and known to be a good Officer) had been mention'd, in some loose discourse by the Cardinal, as one who would be very fit to Command any Troops which might be sent into *England* for the relief of the King; which the other, according to his natural credulity, thought to be Warrant enough to give both the King and the Prince that unreasonable Expectation; the which and many other of that great Lord's Negotiations and Transactions, the succeeding, and long continuing Misfortunes, kept from being ever after examin'd, or consider'd and reflected upon.

THE Prince stay'd in the Isle of *Silly* from *Wednesday* the 4<sup>th</sup> of *March*, till *Thursday* the 16<sup>th</sup> of *April*, the Wind having continued so contrary, that the Lords *Capel* and *Hopton* came not to him from *Cornwal* till the *Saturday* before; at which time likewise arriv'd a Trumpeter from Sr *Thomas Fairfax*, with such a Message from the Parliament to the Prince

Prince as might well be called a Summons, rather than an Invitation; yet it was well it came not to *Pendennis*, where it would have found a Party among the Prince's Servants. The next Morning, being *Sunday*, a Fleet of about twenty seven, or twenty eight Sail of Ships, incompass'd the Island; but within three or four hours, by a very notable Tempest, which continued two days, they were disperf'd. Upon this, and a clear determination of the weaknes of the Place, if it should be attacked by any considerable strength (which both by the Message and the Attendants of it they had reason to apprehend) together with the extreme scarcity of Provisions in that Island; which had not been, in the six weeks the Prince staid there, supplied with Victual for two days out of *Cornwal*, neither had there been any returns from *France* upon the Lord *Colepepper's* application to the Queen, which returns would every day grow more difficult by the Season of the Year, his Highness inclin'd to remove to *Ferfey*; against which nothing could be objected of Weight, but the consideration of the King's being at *London* (which was strongly reported still) in a Treaty; and then, that his Highness's remove, especially if by distress of Weather, he should be forced into *France*, might be prejudicial to the King; and therefore it would be reasonable, first to expect some Advertisement from his Majesty in what condition he was. Hereupon his Highness produced in Council this ensuing Letter from the King, which was writ shortly after the Battle of *Naseby*, and which he had conceal'd till that Morning from all the Lords, and which truly, I think, was the only secret he had ever kept from the Four he had trusted.

Hereford the 23<sup>d</sup> of June 1645.

Charles,

“ My late misfortunes remember me to command you that  
 “ which I hope you shall never have occasion to obey; it is  
 “ this; If I should at any time be taken Prisoner by the Re-  
 “ bels, I command you (upon my blessing) never to yield to  
 “ any conditions, that are dishonourable, unsafe for your Per-  
 “ son, or Derogatory to Regal Authority, upon any confide-  
 “ rations whatsoever, though it were for the saving of my  
 “ Life; which in such a Case, I am most confident, is in  
 “ greatest security by your constant resolution, and not a whit  
 “ the more in danger for their threatning, unless thereby you  
 “ should yield to their desires. But let their Resolutions be  
 “ never so Barbarous, the saving of my Life by complying  
 “ with them would make me end my days with torture, and  
 “ disquiet of mind, not giving you my Blessing, and Cursing

A Letter  
 from the  
 King to the  
 Prince, writ-  
 ten from  
 Hereford;  
 June 23.  
 1645.

“ all the rest who are consenting to it. But your constancy  
 “ will make me die chearfully, praising God for giving me so  
 “ gallant a Son, and heaping my blessings on you; which  
 “ you may be confident (in such a case) will light on you.  
 “ I charge you to keep this Letter still safe by you, until you  
 “ shall have cause to use it; and then, and not till then, to  
 “ shew it to all your Council; it being my command to them,  
 “ as well as you; whom I pray God to make as prosperously  
 “ glorious as any of the Predecessors ever were of

“ Your loving Father, *Charles R.*

*The Prince of Wales Embarks from Silly, lands at Jersey, Apr. 17.*

AFTER the reading this Letter, and a Consideration of the probability that the Rebels would make some attempt upon his Highness there, and the impossibility of resisting such an attempt in the condition the Island then stood, it was by his Highness with great earnestness proposed, and by the whole Council (except the Earl of *Berk-shire*) unanimously advised, that the opportunity should be then laid hold on, whilst the Rebels Ships were scatter'd; and that his Highness should Embark for *Jersey*; which he did accordingly on *Thursday*; and on the next day, being the 17<sup>th</sup> of *April*, with a prosperous wind landed at *Jersey*; from whence, the same Night, they sent an Express to the Queen, of the Prince's safe arrival in that Island; and likewise Letters to *St Maloes*, and *Havre de Grace*, to advertise the Lord *Colepepper* of the same; who receiv'd the Information very seasonably, lying then at *Havre* with two Frigats in expectation of a Wind for *Silly*, and with Command to the Prince from the Queen, immediately to remove from thence. After the Prince had taken an Account of this Island, both himself, and all their Lordships were of opinion, that it was a place of the greatest security, benefit, and conveniency to repose in, that could have been desired, and wish'd for; till upon a clear information, and observation of the King's condition, and the state of *England*, he should find a fit opportunity to Act; and the Prince himself seem'd to have the greatest aversion, and resolution against going into *France*, except in case of danger of surprisal by the Rebels, that could be imagined. In few days Mr *Progers*, who had been dispatched before (presently upon the Lord *Colepepper's* coming) from *Paris* to *Silly*, being hinder'd by contrary Winds till he receiv'd the News of the Prince's being at *Jersey*, came thither, and brought this following Letter from her Majesty to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Cipher.

Paris the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 1646.

“ My Lord *Colepepper* must witness for me that I have patiently and at large, heard all that he could say concerning the condition of *Silly*, and all that has been proposed for rendering of the Prince of *Wales* his abode there safe; yet I must confess to you, that I am so far from being satisfied in that point, that I shall not sleep in quiet until I shall hear that the Prince of *Wales* shall be remov'd from thence. It is confessed, it is not sufficiently fortified, and is accessible in divers places; and the Manning the Works will require a thousand Men more than you have, or, for ought I see, can procure; neither can you be confident, that the loss of *Cornwal* may not suddainly have a dangerous influence upon that Garrison; most of your Soldiers being of that Country. The power of the Parliament at Sea is so great, that you cannot rely upon the seasonable and safe conveyance of such proportions of Provisions, as so great a Garrison will require: I need not remember you of what Importance the King, and all his Party, the safety of the Prince's Person is; If he should fall into the Rebels hands, the whole would thereby become desperate; therefore I must importunately conjure you to intend this work, as the principal service you can do to the King, Me, or the Prince. *Colepepper* will tell you how I have strain'd to assist you with present Provisions, Shipping, and Money, necessary for the Prince's remove to *Fersey*; where, be confident of it, he shall want nothing. Besides, for satisfaction of others, I have mov'd the Queen Regent to give assurance, that if the Prince, in his way to *Fersey*, should be necessitated, by contrary Winds, or the danger of the Parliament Shipping, to touch in *France*, he should have all freedom and assistance from hence, in his immediate passage thither; which is granted with great Chearfulness, and Civility, and will be Subscribed under the hands of the *French* King and Queen, my Brother, and Cardinal *Mazarin*: therefore I hope all scruples are now satisfied. *Colepepper* is hastening to you with good Frigats; but if you shall find any danger before their Arrival, I shall rely upon your care not to omit any opportunity to prevent that danger, according to the resolution in Council, which *Colepepper* hath acquainted me with; for which I thank you. I need not tell you how acceptable this service will be to the King, who in every Letter presses me to write to you concerning my Son's safety; nor that I am, and always will be, most constantly,

“ Your assured Friend, *Henriette Marie R.*

*A Letter from the Queen to the Chancellor of the Exchequer concerning the Prince's removal into France.*

THE Prince and Council were very glad at the receipt of this Letter, conceiving that they had now done all that could be required at their hands; though they were advertised at their first Landing there, that there was still an expectation of the Prince in *France*; and that he, would be speedily importun'd from thence; which they could not believe; but as soon as the Lord *Colepepper* came, they plainly discern'd that Letter had been written upon advice to *Silly*, and upon foreseeing that an immediate Journey into *France* would not have been submitted to; and that the Instrument mention'd for his Highness's quiet and uninterrupted Passage through *France* to *Fersey*, was only a colour, the sooner to have invited the Prince to have Landed there, if there had been any accidents in his Passage; but that the resolution was, that he should not then have come to *Fersey*, as it was now, that he should quickly come from thence; to which purpose, shortly after, came most importunate Letters from the Queen; and it seems, howsoever all the late Letters from the King to the Prince before his coming out of *England*, were for his repair into *Denmark*, his Majesty, upon what reasons I know not, conceiv'd his Highness to be in *France*; for after his coming to *Fersey*, this following Letter was sent to him, by the Lord *Fermyn*, in whose Cipher it was writ, and decipher'd by his Lordship.

Oxford the 22<sup>d</sup> of March.

Charles,

A Letter  
from the  
King to the  
Prince.

“ HOPING that this will find you safe with your Mother,  
 “ I think fit to write this short but necessary Letter to you;  
 “ Then know, that your being where you are, safe from the  
 “ Power of the Rebels, is under God, either my greatest security,  
 “ or my certain ruin. For your constancy to Religion,  
 “ Obedience to me, and to the Rules of Honour, will  
 “ make these Insolent Men begin to hearken to reason, when  
 “ they shall see their Injustice not like to be crown'd with  
 “ quiet; but, if you depart from those grounds for which I  
 “ have all this time Fought, then your leaving this Kingdom  
 “ will be (with too much probability) call'd sufficient proof  
 “ for many of the slanders heretofore laid upon me: where-  
 “ fore, once again, I command you upon my blessing to be  
 “ constant to your Religion, neither hearkening to Roman  
 “ Superstitions, nor the Seditious and Schismatical Doctrines  
 “ of the Presbyterians and Independents; for, know that a  
 “ persecuted Church is not thereby less pure, though less fortunate.  
 “ For all other things, I command you to be totally  
 “ directed by your Mother, and (as subordinate to her) by  
 “ the

“the remainder of that Council which I put to you, at your  
 “parting from hence : and so God bless you.

Charles R.

THIS Letter, and the very passionate Commands from the Queen, together with what was privately said to his Highness by the Lord *Colepepper*, who from his being at *Paris* had changed his former opinions, and was ( though he express'd it tenderly ; finding a general aversion ) positive for his going, wrought so far on the Prince, that he discover'd an Inclination to the Journey ; whereupon the Council presented at large to him, the Inconveniencies and Dangers that naturally might be supposed would attend such a resolution : They remember'd, the Carriage of the *French* since the beginning of this Rebellion ; how it had been originally fomented, and afterwards countenanced by them ; and that they had never, in the least degree, assisted the King ; that there was no Evidence that, at that time, they were more inclined to him than to the Rebels ; that it would be necessary they should make some publick Declaration on his Majesty's behalf, before the Heir apparent of the Crown should put himself into their hands. There was nothing omitted that could be thought of, to render that resolution at least to be of that importance that it ought to be thoroughly weigh'd, and consider'd, before executed ; and so, in the end they prevail'd with the Prince (since at that time it was not known where the King was) to send the Lords *Capel* and *Colepepper* again to the Queen, to present the weightiness of the matter to her Majesty. One of their Instructions was as follows.

*The Lords Capel and Colepepper sent to Paris, to dissuade the Queen from sending for the Prince into France.*

“YOU shall inform her Majesty, that We have, with all  
 “duty and submission, consider'd her Letters to Us concern-  
 “ing our speedy repair into the Kingdom of *France* ; the  
 “which direction, We conceive to be grounded upon her  
 “Majesty's apprehension of danger to our Person by any re-  
 “sidence here ; the contrary whereof, We believe, her Ma-  
 “jesty will be no sooner advertised of, than she will hold Us  
 “excused for not giving that present obedience which We  
 “desire always to yield to the least Intimation of her Majesty ;  
 “and therefore, you shall humbly acquaint her Majesty, that  
 “We have great reason to believe this Island, to be defen-  
 “sible against a greater Force, than We suppose probable to be  
 “brought against it. That the Inhabitants of the Island ex-  
 “press as much chearfulness, unanimity, and resolution for  
 “the defence of our Person, by their whole carriage, and  
 “particularly by a Protestation voluntarily undertaken by  
 “them, as can be desir'd ; and that, if, contrary to expecta-  
 “tion, the Rebels should take the Island, We can from the

*Their Instru-  
 tions, and  
 Arrival at  
 Paris.*

"Castle (a place in it self of very great strength) with the least  
 "hazard remove our self to *France*; which in case of Immi-  
 "nent danger We resolve to do. That our security being thus  
 "stated, We beseech her Majesty, to consider, whether it be  
 "not absolutely necessary, before any thought of our remove  
 "from hence be entertain'd, that We have as clear an infor-  
 "mation as may be got, of the condition of our Royal Fa-  
 "ther, and the Affections of *England*; of the Resolutions of  
 "the *Scots* in *England*, and the Strength of the Lord *Moun-*  
 "*trose* in *Scotland*; of the Affairs in *Ireland*, and the conclu-  
 "sion of the Treaty there; that so, upon a full and mature  
 "prospect upon the Whole, We may so dispose of our Person  
 "as may be most for the benefit and advantage of our Royal  
 "Father; or patiently attend such an alteration and con-  
 "juncture, as may administer a greater advantage than is yet  
 "offer'd; and whether our remove out of the Dominions of  
 "our Royal Father (except upon such a necessity, or appa-  
 "rent visible conveniency) may not have an Influence upon  
 "the Affections of the three Kingdoms to the disadvantage of  
 "his Majesty.

WITHIN two days after the two Lords were gone for  
*Paris*, *St Dudley Wyat* arriv'd with the News of the King's  
 being gone out of *Oxford*, before the break of day, only with  
 two Servants, and to what place uncertain; it was believ'd  
 by the Queen, as she said in her Letter to the Prince, that  
 he was gone for *Ireland*, or to the *Scots*; and therefore her  
 Majesty renew'd her Command for the Prince's immediate  
 repair into *France*; whereas the chief reason before was, that  
 he would put himself into the *Scots* hands; and therefore it  
 was necessary that his Highness should be in *France*, to go in  
 the head of those Forces which should be immediately sent  
 out of that Kingdom to assist his Majesty.

THE two Lords found the Queen much troubled, that  
 the Prince himself came not; she declar'd her self "Not to  
 "be moved with any reasons that were, or could be, given  
 "for his stay; and that her resolution was positive and unal-  
 "terable: yet they prevail'd with her, to respite any positive  
 Declaration till she might receive full advertisement of the  
 King's Condition; who was by this time known to be in the  
*Scottish* Army.

IT is remember'd before, that the Prince, upon his arrival  
 at *Silly*, sent a Gentleman to *Ireland* to the Marquis of *Or-*  
*mond*, as well that he might be punctually inform'd of the  
 State of that Kingdom (of which there were several reports)  
 as that he might receive from thence a Company or two of  
 Foot, for the better Guard of that Island; which he foresaw  
 would be necessary, whether he should remain there or not.



The Gentleman had a very quick passage to *Dublin*, and came thither very quickly after the Peace was agreed upon with the *Irish* Roman Catholicks, and found the Lord *Digby* there; who after his Enterprize, and disbanding in *Scotland*, had first Transported himself into the Isle of *Man*, and from thence into *Ireland*; where he had been receiv'd, with great kindness and generosity, by the Marquis of *Ormond*, as a Man who had been in so eminent a Post in the King's Council and Affairs. He was a Person of so rare a composition by Nature and by Art (for nature alone could never have reach'd to it) that he was so far from being ever dismay'd upon any Misfortune (and greater variety of Misfortunes never besel any Man) that he quickly recollected himself so vigorously, that he did really believe his condition to be improv'd by that ill accident; and that he had an opportunity thereby to gain a new stock of Reputation, and Honour, and so he no sooner heard of the Prince's being in the Isle of *Silly*, and of his Condition, and the Condition of that place, than he presently concluded, that the Prince's presence in *Ireland* would settle and compose all the Factions there; reduce the Kingdom to his Majesty's Service; and oblige the Pope's Nuntio, who was an Enemy to the Peace, to quit his Ambitious designs. The Lord Lieutenant had so good an opinion of the Expedient, that he could have been very well contented, that when his Highness had been forced to leave *England* he had rather chosen to have made *Ireland* than *Silly* his retreat; but, being a Wise Man, and having many difficulties before him in view, and the apprehension of many contingencies which might increase those difficulties, he would not take upon him to give advice in a point of so great Importance; but, forthwith, having a Couple of Frigats ready, he caused an hundred Men with their Officers to be presently put on Board, according to his Highness's desire; and the Lord *Digby* (who always concluded, that That was fit to be done which his first thoughts suggested to him, and never doubted the Execution of any thing which he once thought fit to be Attempted) put himself on Board those Vessels; resolving, that upon the strength of his own reason, he should be able to perswade the Prince, and the Council which attended him, forthwith to quit *Silly*, and to repair to *Dublin*; which, he did not doubt, if brought to pass in that way, would have been grateful to the Lord Lieutenant. But by the suddain remove of the Prince from *Silly*, the two Frigats from *Dublin* mis'd finding him there; and that Lord, whose Order they were obliged to observe, made all the haste he could to *Fersey*; where he found the Prince, with many other of his Friends who attended his Highness, the two Lords being gone but the day before to attend

The Lord  
Digby ar-  
rives at Jer-  
sey from  
Ireland.

attend the Queen; he lost no time in informing his Highness of the happy state and condition of *Ireland*; that the Peace was concluded; and an Army of twelve thousand Men ready to be Transported into *England*; of the great Zeal, and Affection the Lord Lieutenant had for his Service; and that if his Highness would repair thither, he should find the whole Kingdom devoted to him; and thereupon positively advised him, without farther deliberation, to put himself aboard those Frigats; which were excellent Sailers, and fit for his secure Transportation.

THE Prince told him, "That it was a matter of greater Importance, than was fit to be executed upon so short deliberation; that he was no sooner arriv'd at *Fersey* than he receiv'd Letters from the Queen his Mother, requiring him forthwith to come to *Paris*, where all things were provided for his reception; that he had sent two of the Lords of the Council to the Queen, to excuse him for not giving ready Obedience to her Commands; and to assure her that he was in a place of unquestionable Security; in which he might safely expect to hear from the King his Father before he took any other resolution: That it would be very incongruous now to remove from thence, and to go into *Ireland*, before his Messenger's return from *Paris*; in which time he might reasonably hope to hear from the King himself; and so wish'd him to have patience till the matter was more ripe for a determination. This reasonable Answer gave him no satisfaction; he commended the Prince's averness from going into *France*; "Which, he said, was the most pernicious Counsel that ever could be given; that it was a thing the King his Father abhorr'd, and never would consent to; and that he would take upon himself to write to the Queen, and to give her such solid Advice and Reasons, that should infallibly convert Her from that desire, and that should abundantly satisfy Her that his going into *Ireland* was absolutely necessary; but that a little delay in the execution of it, might deprive Him of all the Fruit which was to be expected from that Journey; and therefore, renew'd his advice, and importunity, for losing no more time, but immediately to Embark; which when he saw was not like to prevail with his Highness, he repaired to one of those of the Privy Council, who attended the Prince, with whom he had a particular Friendship, and lamented to him the loss of such an occasion, which would inevitably restore the King; who would be equally ruin'd if the Prince went into *France*; of which he spoke with all the detestation imaginable; and said, "He was so far satisfied in his Conscience of the benefit that would redound from the one, and the ruin which would  
" inevitably

“inevitably fall out by the other, that, he said, if the Person  
 “with whom he held this Conference, would concur with  
 “him, he would carry the Prince into *Ireland*; even without,  
 “and against his consent. The other Person answer’d, “That  
 “it was not to be attempted without his consent; nor could  
 “he imagine it possible to bring it to pass if they should both  
 “endeavour it. He replied, “That he would invite the Prince  
 “on Board the Frigats to a Collation; and that he knew well  
 “he could so commend the Vessels to him, that his own cu-  
 “riosity would easily invite him to a view of them; and that  
 “as soon as he was on Board, he would cause the Sails to be  
 “hoisted up, and make no stay till he came into *Ireland*.

THE other was very angry with him for entertaining such  
 imaginations; and told him, “They neither agreed with his  
 “Wisdom nor his Duty; and left him in despair of his Con-  
 junction, and, at the same time, of being able to compass it.  
 He had no sooner discharged himself of this imagination, but  
 in the instant (as he had a most pregnant fancy) he enter-  
 tain’d another with the same vigour; and resolv’d, with all  
 possible expedition, to find himself at *Paris*, not making the  
 least Question but that he should convert the Queen from  
 any farther thought of sending for the Prince into *France*, and  
 as easily obtain Her consent and approbation for his repair-  
 ing into *Ireland*; and he made as little doubt, with the  
 Queen’s help, and by his own dexterity, to prevail with  
*France* to send a good supply of Money by him into *Ireland*;  
 by which he should acquire a most universal Reputation, and  
 be the most welcome Man alive to the Lord Lieutenant: and  
 Transported with this happy Auguration, he left *Fersey*; leav-  
 ing at the same time his two Ships, and his Soldiers, and half  
 a dozen Gentlemen of Quality (who, upon his desire, and  
 many promises, had kept him Company from *Ireland*) with-  
 out one penny of Money to subsist on during his absence.

Thence he  
 goes into  
 France.

AS SOON as he came to *Paris*, and had seen the Queen  
 (whom he found very well inclin’d to do all she could for the  
 relief of *Ireland*, but resolute to have the Prince her Son im-  
 mediately with Her, notwithstanding all the Reasons press’d  
 against it by the Lords of the King’s Council, who had been  
 sent from *Fersey*) He attended the Cardinal; who under-  
 stood him very well, and knew his Foible; and receiv’d him  
 with all the Ceremony, and Demonstration of Respect, he could  
 possibly express; enter’d upon the discourse of *England*; cele-  
 brated the part which he had Acted upon that Stage, in so many  
 Actions of Courage, and Sagacity, of the highest Prudence  
 and Circumspection, with an indefatigable Industry and Fide-  
 lity. He told him, “That *France* found too late their own Er-  
 “ror; that they had been very well content to see the King’s  
 “great

His Trans-  
 actions there  
 with the  
 Queen of  
 England  
 and Cardinal  
 Mazarin.

“ great Puissance weaken’d by his Domestick Troubles, which  
 “ they wish’d only should keep him from being able to hurt  
 “ his Neighbours; but that they never had desir’d to see him  
 “ at the Mercy of his own Rebels, which they saw now was  
 “ like to be the Case; and they were therefore resolv’d to  
 “ Wed his Interest in such a way and manner, as the Queen of  
 “ England should desire; in which he well knew how much  
 “ her Majesty would depend upon his Lordship’s Counsel.

THE Cardinal said, “ It was absolutely necessary, since the  
 “ Crown of *France* resolv’d to Wed the King’s Interest,  
 “ that the Person of the Prince of *Wales* should reside in  
 “ *France*; that the method he had thought of proceeding in,  
 “ was that the Queen of *England* should make choice of such  
 “ a Person, whom she thought best Affected, and best Quali-  
 “ fied for such an Employment, whom the King of *France*  
 “ would immediately send as his Extraordinary Embassadour  
 “ to the King and to the Parliament; that he should govern  
 “ himself wholly by such Instructions as the Queen should  
 “ give him; which, he knew, would be his Lordship’s work  
 “ to prepare; that all things should be made ready as soon as  
 “ the Queen would nominate the Embassadour; and that, upon  
 “ the arrival of the Prince of *Wales* in any part of *France*,  
 “ as soon as notice should be sent to the Court of it (for which  
 “ due preparation should be made) the Embassadour should  
 “ be in the same manner dispatch’d for *England*, with one  
 “ only Instruction from *France*; which should be, That he  
 “ should demand a speedy Answer from the Parliament, whether  
 “ they would satisfy the demands the *French* Court had made?  
 “ which if they should refuse to do, he should forthwith, in  
 “ the King his Master’s name, declare War against them, and  
 “ immediately leave the Kingdom, and return Home; and  
 “ then there should be quickly such an Army ready, as was  
 “ worthy for the Prince of *Wales* to venture his own Person  
 “ in; and that he should have the honour to Redeem and Re-  
 “ store his Father.

THIS discourse ended, the Lord *Digby* wanted not Lan-  
 guage to extol the Generosity and the Magnanimity of the re-  
 solution, and to pay the Cardinal all his Compliments in his  
 own Coin, and from thence, to enter upon the Condition of  
*Ireland*; in which the Cardinal presently interrupted him, and  
 told him, “ He knew well he was come from thence, and  
 “ meant to return thither, and likewise the Carriage of the  
 “ Nuntio. That the Marquis of *Ormond* was too brave a Gen-  
 “ tleman, and had merited too much of his Master to be de-  
 “ serted, and *France* was resolv’d not to do its business by halves,  
 “ but to give the King’s Affairs an entire relief in all Places;  
 “ that he should carry a good Supply of Money with him into  
 “ *Ireland*,

“*Ireland*, and that Arms and Ammunition should be speedily  
 “sent after him, and such direction to their Agent there, as  
 “should draw off all the *Irish* from the Nuntio, who had not  
 “entirely given themselves up to the *Spanish* Interest.

THE noble Person had that which he most desired; he was presently converted, and undertook to the Queen, that he would presently convert all at *Fersey*; and that the Prince should obey all her Commands; and enter'd into consultation with her upon the Election of an Embassadour, and what Instructions should be given him; which he took upon himself to prepare. Monsieur *Bellievre* was nam'd by the Queen, whom the Cardinal had design'd for that Office. The Cardinal approv'd the Instructions, and caused six thousand Pistols to be paid to him, who was to go to *Ireland*; and though it was a much less Sum than he had promised himself, from the magnificent Expressions the Cardinal had us'd to him, yet it provided well for his own occasions; so he left the Queen with his usual professions, and confidence, and accompanied those Lords to *Fersey*, who were to attend upon his Highness with her Majesty's Orders for the Prince's repair into *France*, for the Advancement whereof the Cardinal was so solicitous, that he writ a Letter to the old Prince of *Conde* (which he knew he would forthwith send to the Queen; as he did) in which he said, “That he had receiv'd very certain Advertisement out of *England*, that there were some Persons about “the Prince of *Wales* in *Fersey*, who had undertaken to deliver his Highness up into the hands of the Parliament for “twenty thousand Pistols; and this Letter was forthwith sent by the Queen to overtake the Lords, that it might be shewed to the Prince; and that they who attended upon him, might discern, what would be thought of them, if they dissuaded his Highness from giving a present obedience to his Mothers Commands.

AS SOON as they came to *Fersey*, the Lord *Digby* us'd all the means he could to persuade his Friend to concur in his advice for the Prince's immediate repair into *France*. He told him all that had pass'd between the Cardinal and him, not leaving out any of the Expressions of the high value his Eminence had of his particular Person: “That an Embassadour “was chosen by his advice, and his Instructions drawn by “him, from no part of which the Embassadour durst swerve (and, which is very wonderful, he did really believe for that time, that he himself had nominated the Embassadour, and that his Instructions would be exactly observ'd by him; so great a Power he had always over himself, that he could believe any thing which was grateful to him) “That a War “would be presently proclaim'd upon their refusal to do what  
 “the

“the Embassadour requir’d, and that there wanted nothing  
 “to the expediting this great Affair, but the Prince’s repair-  
 “ing into *France* without farther delay; there being no other  
 “question concerning that matter, than whether his Highness  
 “should stay in *Jersey*? where there could be no question of  
 “his Security, until he could receive express direction from  
 “the King his Father: and therefore he conjured his Friend  
 “to concur in that advice; which would be very grateful to  
 “the Queen, and be attended with much benefit to himself;  
 “telling him “how kind her Majesty was to him, and how  
 “confident she was of his Service, and that if he should be of  
 “another opinion, it would not hinder the Prince from go-  
 “ing; who, he knew, was resolv’d to obey his Mother; and  
 “so concluded his Discourse, with those Arguments which he  
 “thought were like to make most impression on him; and  
 “gave him the Instructions by which the Embassadour was to  
 “be guided.

HIS Friend, who in truth lov’d him very heartily, though  
 no man better knew his Infirmities, told him, “Whatever  
 “the Prince would be disposed to do, he could not change his  
 “opinion in point of Counsel, until the King’s pleasure might  
 “be known: he put him in mind, “How he had been before  
 “deceiv’d at *Oxford* by the *Conte de Harcourt*, who was an  
 “Embassadour likewise, as We then thought, named by our  
 “selves, and whose Instructions he had likewise drawn; and  
 “yet, he could not but well remember how foully that busi-  
 “ness had been managed, and how disobligingly He himself  
 “had been treated by that Embassadour; and therefore he  
 “could not but wonder, that the same Artifices should again  
 “prevail with him; and that he could imagine that the Instru-  
 “ctions he had drawn, would be at all consider’d, or pursu’d,  
 “farther than they might contribute to what the Cardinal for  
 “the present design’d; of the integrity whereof, they had no  
 “Evidence, but had reason enough to suspect it.

THE Lord *Capel*, and the Lord *Colepepper*, stayed at *Paris*  
 with the Queen full three Weeks; having only prevailed  
 with her to suspend her present Commands for the Prince’s  
 remove from *Jersey*, until she should have clear Intelligence  
 where the King was, and how he was treated; though she de-  
 clared a positive resolution that his Highness should come to  
*Paris*, let the Intelligence be what it could be; and, in the  
 end, they were well assur’d that his Majesty had put himself  
 into the *Scottish* Army as it lay before *Newark*; and that assoon,  
 as he came thither, he had caus’d that Garrison to deliver the  
 Town into the hands of the *Scots*; and that thereupon the  
*Scots* march’d presently away to *New-Castle*: That they had  
 press’d the King to do many things, which he had absolutely  
 refused

refused to do; and that thereupon they had put very strict Guards upon his Majesty, and would not permit any Man to repair to him, or to speak with him; so that his Majesty look'd upon himself as a Prisoner, and resolv'd to make another Escape from them as soon as he could. Mr *Ashburnham*, who attended upon him in his Journey from *Oxford* as his sole Servant, was forbid to come any more near him; and if he had not put himself on board a Vessel then at *New-Castle*, and bound for *France*, the *Scots* would have deliver'd him up to the Parliament. Monsieur *Montrevil*, the *French* Envoy, pretended that they were so incens'd against him for briskly expostulating with them for their ill Treatment of the King, that it was no longer safe for him to remain in their Quarters, and more dangerous to return to *London*; and therefore, he had likewise procur'd a *Dutch* Ship to land him in *France*, and was come to *Paris* before the Lords return'd to *Fersey*.

THE Queen thought now she had more reason to be confirm'd in her former resolution for the speedy remove of the Prince, and it was pretended that he had brought a Letter from the King, which was decipher'd by the Lord *Fermyn*; in which, he said, "That he did believe that the Prince could not be safe any where but with the Queen; and therefore wished, that if he were not there already, he should be speedily sent for; and *Montrevil* profess'd to have a Message by word of mouth to the same purpose; whereas Mr *Ashburnham*, who left the King but the day before *Montrevil*, and was as entirely trusted by the King as any Man in *England*, brought no such Message; and confess'd to the Lord *Capel*, "That he thought it very pernicious to the King that the Prince should come into *France* in that conjuncture, and before it was known how the *Scots* would deal with him; and that the King's opinion of the convenience of his coming into *France*, could proceed from nothing but the thought of his insecurity in *Fersey*. The Lord *Capel* offer'd to undertake a Journey himself to *New-Castle*, and to receive the King's positive Commands, which he was confident would be submitted to, and obeyed by all the Council as well as by himself; but the Queen was positive, that, without any more delay, the Prince should immediately repair to Her; and, to that purpose, She sent the Lord *Fermyn* (who was Governour of *Fersey*) together with the Lord *Digby*, the Lord *Wentworth*, the Lord *Wilmot*; and other Lords and Gentlemen, who with the two Lords who had been sent to her by the Prince, should make haste to *Fersey* to see her Commands executed. Whilst they are upon their Journey thither, it will be seasonable to enquire how the King came to involve himself in that perplexity, out of which he was never able afterwards to recover his Liberty and Freedom.

A farther  
Account of  
Monsieur  
Montrevil  
his Negotia-  
tion with  
the Scots.

MONSIEUR *Montrevil* was a Person utterly unknown to me, nor had I ever intercourse or correspondence with him; so that what I shall say of him cannot proceed from affection or prejudice, nor if I shall say any thing for his vindication from those reproaches which he did, and does lie under, both with the *English* and *Scotish* Nation, countenanced enough by the discountenance he receiv'd from the Cardinal after his return, when he was, after the first account he had given of his Negotiation, restrain'd from coming to the Court, and forbid to remain in *Paris*, and lay under a form'd declar'd dislike till his death; which with grief of mind shortly ensued. But as it is no unusual hard-heartedness in such chief Ministers, to sacrifice such Instruments, how innocent soever, to their own dark purposes, so it is probable, that temporary Cloud would soon have vanished, and that it was only cast over him, that he might be thereby secluded from the conversation of the *English* Court; which must have been reasonably very inquisitive, and might thereby have discover'd somewhat which the other Court was carefully to conceal: I say if what I here set down of that Transaction, shall appear some vindication of that Gentleman from those imputations under which his memory remains blasted, it can be imputed only to the love of truth, which ought, in common honesty, to be preserv'd in History as the very Soul of it, towards all Persons who come to be mention'd in it; and since I have in my hands all the original Letters which passed from him to the King, and the King's Answers and Directions thereupon, or such Authentick Copies thereof, as have been by my self examin'd with the Originals, I take it to be a duty incumbent on me to clear him from any guilt with which his memory lies unjustly charged, and to make a candid interpretation of those Actions, which appear to have resulted from Ingenuity, and upright Intentions, how unsuccessful soever.

HE was then a young Gentlemen of parts very equal to the Trust the Cardinal reposed in him, and to the Employment he gave him; and of a Nature not inclined to be made use of in ordinary dissimulation and cozenage. Whilst he took his Measures only from the *Scotish* Commissioners at *London*, and from those Presbyterians whom he had opportunity to converse with there, he did not give the King the least Encouragement to expect a conjunction, or any compliance from the one or the other, upon any Cheaper price of condition than the whole alteration of the Government of the Church by Bishops, and an entire Conformity to the Covenant; and he used all the Arguments which occur'd to him, to perswade his Majesty that all other hopes of Agreement with them were desperate; and when he saw his Majesty un-

moveable



moveable in that particular, and resolute to undergo the utmost event of War, before he would wound his Peace of Mind, and Conscience, with such an odious concession, he undertook that Journey we mention'd in the end of the last Year, to discover whether the same rude and rigid Spirit, which Govern'd those Commissioners at *Westminster*, possessed also the Chief Officers of the *Scottish* Army, and that Committee of State that always remain'd with the Army.

THE *Scottish* Army was then before *Newark*; and in his passage thither, he waited upon the King at *Oxford*; and was confirm'd in what he had reason before to be confident of, that it was absolutely impossible ever to prevail with his Majesty to give up the Church to the most impetuous Demands they could make, or to the greatest necessity himself could be environ'd with; but as to any other concessions which might satisfy their Ambition or their Profit, which were always Powerful and Irresistible Spells upon that Party, he had ample Authority and Commission to comply with the most extravagant Demands from Persons like to make good what they undertook, except such Propositions as might be mischievous to the Marquis of *Mountrose*; whom the King resolv'd never to desert, nor any who had joyn'd with and assisted him; all which, he desir'd to unite to those who might now be perswaded to serve him. His Majesty, for his better information, recommended him to some Persons who had then Command in the *Scottish* Army; of whose Affections and Inclinations to his Service, he had as much confidence, at least, as he ought to have; and of their Credit, and Courage, and Interest, a greater than was due to them.

WHEN *Montrevil* came to the Army, and after he had endeavour'd to undeceive those who had been perswaded to believe, that a peremptory and obstinate insisting upon the alteration of the Church Government (the expectation, and assurance whereof, had indeed first enabled them to make that Expedition) would at last prevail over the King's Spirit, as it had done in *Scotland*, he found those in whom the Power, at least the Command of the Army was, much more moderate than he expected, and the Committee which presided in the Counsels, rather devising and projecting Expedients how they might recede from the rigour of their former Demands, than peremptory to adhere to them, and willing he should believe that they stay'd for the coming of the Lord Chancellor out of *Scotland*, who was daily expected, before they would declare their Resolution; not that they were, for the present, without one. They were very much pleased that the King offer'd, and desir'd to come to them, and remain in the Army with them, if he might be secured of a good reception

for Himself, and for his Servants who should attend him, and his Friends who should resort to him; and the principal Officers of the Army spoke of that, as a thing they so much wished, that it could be in no body's Power to hinder it, if there were any who would attempt it; and they who had the greatest Power in the Conduct of the most secret Counsels, took pains to be thought to have much franker Resolutions in that particular, than they thought yet seasonable to express in direct Undertakings; and employed those who were known to be most entirely trusted by them, and some of those who had been recommended to him by the King, to assure him that he might confidently advise his Majesty to repair to the Army, upon the Terms himself had propos'd; and that they would send a good Body of their Horse, to meet his Majesty at any place he should appoint to Conduct him in safety to them. Upon which encouragement *Montrevil* prepared a Paper to be sign'd by himself, and sent to the King as his Engagement; and shew'd it to those who had been most clear to him in their Expressions of duty to the King; which, being approv'd by them, he sent by the other who had appear'd to him to be trusted by those who were in the highest Trust to be communicated to them, who had in a manner excused themselves for being so reserv'd towards him, as being necessary in that conjuncture of their Affairs, when there evidently appear'd to be the most Hostile jealousy between the Independent Army and them. When the Paper was likewise return'd to him with approbation after their perusal, he sent it to the King; which Paper is here faithfully Translated out of the Original.

*The Paper  
Montrevil  
sent to the  
King, being  
a promise  
for the Scots  
receiving  
the King-  
April. 1.*

“ I D O promise in the Name of the King and Queen Re-  
gent (my Master and Mistriſs) and by virtue of the Powers  
“ that I have from their Majesties, That if the King of Great  
“ Britain shall put himself into the *Scotiſh* Army, he shall be  
“ there receiv'd as their Natural Sovereign; and that he shall  
“ be with them in all freedom of his Conscience and Honour;  
“ and that all such of his Subjects and Servants as shall be  
“ there with him, shall be safely and honourably protected in  
“ their Persons; and that the said *Scots*, shall really and ef-  
“ fectually joyn with the said King of Great Britain, and also  
“ receive all such Persons as shall come in unto him, and joyn  
“ with them for his Majesty's Preservation: And that they  
“ shall protect all his Majesty's Party to the utmost of their  
“ Power, as his Majesty will Command all those under his  
“ obedience to do the like to them; and that they shall em-  
“ ploy their Armies and Forces, to assist his Majesty in the  
“ procuring of a happy and well grounded Peace, for the good  
“ of

“of his Majesty and his said Kingdoms, and in recovery of his  
 “Majesty’s just Rights. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
 “put my Hand and Seal this first of *April* 1646.

*De Montrevil, Resident pour sa Majestie tres Chretienne en Ecoffe.*

MANY days had not passed after the sending that Express, when he found such Chagrin, and Tergiversation, in some of those he had treated with, one Man denying what he had said to himself, and another disclaiming the having given such a Man Authority to say that from him which the other still avow’d he had done; that *Montrevil* thought himself obliged, with all speed, to advertise his Majesty of the foul change, and to dissuade him from venturing his Person in the Power of such Men; but the Express who carried that Letter, was taken Prisoner; and though he made his Escape, and preserv’d his Letter, he could not proceed in his Journey; and was compell’d to return to him who sent him; and by that time, he having inform’d the Committee, what he had done to vindicate himself from being made a Property by them to betray the King, and expressed a deep repentment of the injury done to the King his Master, and to himself, in their receding from what they had promised, they appear’d again to be of another Temper, and very much to desire his Majesty’s Presence in the Army; and to that purpose, they promised, as an unanimous Resolution, “That they would send a considerable party  
 “of Horse to meet his Majesty at *Burton* upon *Trent*; for that  
 “they could not advance farther with the whole party; but  
 “that some Horse should be sent to wait upon his Majesty at  
 “*Bosworth*, which is the middle way between *Burton* and  
 “*Harborough*, whither they hoped his own Horse would be  
 “able to convey him securely; they desired “The King to  
 “appoint the day, and they would not fail to be there. They  
 “wished, “That when their Troops should meet his Majesty,  
 “he would tell them that he was going into *Scotland*; upon  
 “which, they would find themselves obliged to attend him  
 “into their Army, without being able to discover any thing  
 “of a Treaty; of which, the Parliament ought yet to receive  
 “no advertisement; of all which *Montrevil* gave the King a  
 very full and plain Narration, together with what he had  
 written before, by his Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of the same *April*,  
 to Secretary *Nicholas*; and, in the same Letter, he inform’d  
 his Majesty, “That they did not desire that any of those Forces  
 “which had followed the King’s Party, should joyn with  
 “them, no nor so much as those Horse that should have ac-  
 “companied his Majesty, should remain in their Army with  
 “him: That they had with much ado agreed, that the two  
 “Princes (for his Majesty, upon Prince *Rupert*’s humble sub-  
 mission

mission, was reconciled to both his Nephews) “ might follow  
 “ the King, with such other of his Servants as were not ex-  
 “ cepted from pardon; and that they might stay with his Ma-  
 “ jesty until the Parliament of *England* should demand them;  
 “ in which case they should not refuse to deliver them; but  
 “ that they would first furnish them with some means of get-  
 “ ting beyond Seas.

THE King had propos'd, “ That there might be a Union  
 “ between them and the Marquis of *Mountrose*; and that his  
 “ Forces might be joyn'd with their Army; which they had  
 “ said, “ They could not consent to, with reference to the per-  
 “ son of *Montrose*; who, after so much blood spilt by him of  
 “ many of the greatest Families, they thought could not be  
 “ safe among them: whereupon the King had declared, “ That  
 “ he would send him his Extraordinary Embassadour into  
 “ *France*; which they appear'd not to contradict, but had now  
 “ changed their mind; of which *Montrevil* likewise gave an  
 “ Account in the same Letter: “ That they could not give their  
 “ consent that the Marquis of *Mountrose* should go Embassa-  
 “ dour into *France*, but into any other place, he might; and  
 “ that they again, without limiting the time, insisted upon  
 “ settling the Presbyterian Government; and he concluded  
 “ his Letter with these words, “ I will say no more but this,  
 “ that his Majesty and You know the *Scots* better than I do;  
 “ I represent these things nakedly to you, as I am obliged to  
 “ do; I have not taken upon me the boldness to give any  
 “ Council to his Majesty; yet if he hath any other refuge, or  
 “ means to make better conditions, I think he ought not to  
 “ accept of these; but if he sees all things desperate every  
 “ where else, and that he and his Servants cannot be secure  
 “ with his Parliament of *England*, I dare yet assure him, that  
 “ though He and his Servants may not be here with all that  
 “ satisfaction perhaps which he might desire, yet He especially  
 “ shall be as secure as possible.

IN another Letter dated the next day after (the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
*April*) to the same Secretary, he hath these words; “ I have  
 “ Orders from the Deputies of *Scotland* to assure you, that they  
 “ will not herein fail (which related to sending the Horse to  
 “ meet his Majesty) “ assoon as they shall know his day; and  
 “ that the King shall be receiv'd into the Army as hath been  
 “ promised; and that his Conscience shall not be forced. And  
 “ in the last Letter, which his Majesty or the Secretary receiv'd  
 “ from him, and which was dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of *April* 1646, there  
 “ are these words, “ They tell me that they will do more than  
 “ can be expressed; but let not his Majesty hope for any more  
 “ than I send him word of; that he may not be deceiv'd; and  
 “ let him take his measures aright; for certainly the Enter-  
 “ prise

“prife is full of danger: yet, in the fame Letter, he fays  
 “the difpofition of the Chiefs of the *Scottifh* Army is fuch as  
 “the King can defire; they begin to draw off their Troops  
 “towards *Burton*, and the hindring his Majesty from falling  
 “into the hands of the *Englifh* is of fo great Importance to  
 “them, that it cannot be believ’d but that they will do all  
 “that lies in their Power to hinder it.

THIS was the proceeding of Monsieur *Montrevil* in that whole Tranfaction; and if he were too Sanguine upon his firft Converfation with the Officers of the *Scottifh* Army, and fome of the Committee, and when he fign’d that Engagement upon the firft of *April*, he made hafte to retract that confidence, and was in all his Difpatches afterwards Phlegmatick enough; and, after his Majesty had put himfelf into their hands, he did honeftly and ftoutly charge all the particular Perfons with the Promifes and Engagements they had given to him, and did all he could to make the Cardinal fenfible of the Indignity that was offer’d to that Crown in the violation of thofe Promifes, and Engagements; which was the reafon of his being Commanded to return Home, asfoon as the King came to *New-Caftle*; left his too keen resentment might irritate the *Scots*, and make it appear to the Parliament how far *France* was engaged in that whole Negotiation; which the Cardinal had no mind fhould appear to the World; and there can be no doubt, but that the Cautions and Animadverfions which the King receiv’d from *Montrevil* after his Engagement, would have diverted him from that Enterprife, if his Majesty had discern’d any other courfe to take, that had been preferable even to the hazard that he faw he muft undergo with the *Scots*; but he was clearly deftitute of any other Refuge. Every day brought the News of the lofs of fome Garrifon; and as *Oxford* was already block’d up at a diftance, by thofe Horfe which *Fairfax* had fent out of the Weft to that purpofe, or to wait upon the King, and follow him clofe, if he fhould remove out of *Oxford*; fo he had foon reduced *Exeter*, and fome other Garrifons in *Devon-fhire*. The Governours then, when there was no vifible and apparent hope of being Reliev’d, thought that they might deliver up their Garrifons before they were preffed with the laft Extremities, that they might obtain the better Conditions; and yet it was obferv’d that better and more honourable Conditions were not given to any, than to thofe who kept the Places they were trusted with, till they had not one days Victual left; of which We fhall obferve more hereafter. By this means *Fairfax* was within three days of *Oxford* before the King left it, or fully resolv’d what to do.

HIS Majesty had before fent to Two Eminent Commanders

of Name, who had block'd up the Town at a distance, "That if they would pass their words (how slender a security soever, from such Men who had broken so many Oaths, for the Safety of the King) "That they would immediately Conduct him to the Parliament, he would have put himself in- "to their hands; for he was yet perswaded to think so well of the City of *London*, that he would not have been unwilling to have found himself there; but those Officers would submit to no such Engagements; and great care was taken to have strict Guards round about *London*, that he might not get thither. What should the King do? There was one thing most formidable to him, which he was resolv'd to avoid, that was, to be inclosed in *Oxford*, and so to be given up, or taken, when the Town should be Surrender'd, as a Prisoner to the Independents Army; which he was advertised from all hands, would treat him very Barbarously.

The King  
leaves Ox-  
ford, April  
27. 1646.

IN this perplexity, he chose rather to commit himself to the *Scotish* Army; which yet he did not trust so far as to give them notice of his Journey, by sending for a Party of their Horse to meet him, as they had propos'd; but early in the Morning, upon the 27<sup>th</sup> day of *April*, he went out of *Oxford*, attended only by *John Ashburnham*, and a Divine (one *Hudson*) who understood the By-ways as well as the Common, and was indeed a very skilful Guide. In this Equipage he left *Oxford* on a *Monday*, leaving those of his Council in *Oxford* who were privy to his going out, not inform'd whether he would go to the *Scotish* Army, or get privately into *London*, and lye there conceal'd, till he might choose that which was best; and it was generally believ'd, that he had not within himself at that time a fixt Resolution what he would do; which was the more credited because it was nine days after his leaving *Oxford*, before it was known where the King was; insomuch as *Fairfax*, who came before it the fifth day after his Majesty was gone, was sat down, and had made his Circumvallation about *Oxford*, before he knew that the King was in the *Scotish* Army; but the King had wasted that time in several Places; whereof some were Gentlemens Houses (where he was not unknown; though untaken notice of) purposely to be inform'd of the condition of the Marquis of *Mountrose*, and to find some secure passage that he might get to him; which he did exceedingly desire; but in the end, went into the *Scotish* Army before *Newark*, and sent for *Montrevil* to come to him.

Puts himself  
into the  
Scotish Ar-  
my before  
Newark.

IT was very early in the Morning when the King went to the General's Lodging, and discover'd himself to him; who either was, or seem'd to be, exceedingly surpris'd, and confounded at his Majesty's presence; and knew not what to say; but presently gave notice of it to the Committee, who were

no less perplexed. An Express was presently sent to the Parliament at *Westminster*, to inform them of the unexpected News, as a thing the *Scots* had not the least imagination of. The Parliament were so disorder'd with the Intelligence, that at first they resolv'd to Command their General to raise the Siege before *Oxford*, and to march with all Expedition to *Newark*; but the *Scottish* Commissioners at *London*, diverted them from that, by assuring them "That all their Orders would meet with an absolute Obedience in their Army: so they made a short dispatch to them, in which it was evident that they believ'd the King had gone to them by Invitation, and not out of his own free Choice; and implying, "That they should shortly receive farther direction from them; and in the mean time, "That they should carefully watch that his Majesty did not dispose himself to go some whither else. The great care in the Army, was, that there might be only respect and good manners shew'd towards the King, without any thing of affection or dependence; and therefore the General never ask'd the Word of him, or any Orders, nor, willingly, suffer'd the Officers of the Army to resort to, or to have any discourse with his Majesty. *Montrevil* was ill look'd upon, as the Man who had brought this inconvenience upon them without their consent; but he was not frighted from owning and declaring what had pass'd between them, what they had promis'd, and what they were engag'd to do. However, though the King liked not the treatment he receiv'd, he was not without apprehension, that *Fairfax* might be forthwith appointed to decline all other Enterprises, and to bring himself near the *Scottish* Army, they being too near together already; and therefore he forthwith gave order to the Lord *Bel-lasis* to Surrender *Newark*, that the *Scots* might march Northward; which they resolv'd to do; and he giving up that place, which he could have defended for some Months longer from that Enemy, upon honourable Conditions, that Army with great Expedition march'd towards *New-Castle*; which the King was glad of, though their behaviour to him was still the same; and great strictness used that he might not confer with any Man who was not well known to them, much less receive Letters from any.

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Northward  
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King to  
New-Castle*

IT was an observation in that time, that the first publishing of extraordinary News was from the Pulpit; and by the Preacher's Text, and his manner of discourse upon it, the Auditors might judge, and commonly foresaw, what was like to be next done in the Parliament or Council of State. The first Sermon that was Preach'd before the King, after the Army rose from *Newark* to march Northwards, was upon the 19<sup>th</sup> Chap. of the II. Book of *Samuel* the 41, 42, and 43. verses.

41. *And behold, all the Men of Israel came to the King, and said unto the King, Why have our Brethren the Men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the King and his Household, and all David's Men with him over Jordan?*
42. *And all the Men of Judah answered the Men of Israel, Because the King is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the King's cost? or hath he given us any gift?*
43. *And the Men of Israel answered the Men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the King, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our King? and the words of the Men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the Men of Israel.*

Where Montrevil was restrain'd from him.

UPON which words the Preacher gave Men cause to believe, that now they had gotten their King, they resolv'd to keep him, and to adhere to him. But his Majesty came no sooner to *New-Castle*, than both Monsieur *Montrevil* was restrain'd from having any conference with him, and Mr *Asburnham* was advis'd "To shift for himself, or else that he should be deliver'd up to the Parliament; and both the one, and the other, were come to *Paris* when the Queen sent those Lords to hasten the Prince's remove from *Fersey*.

The Lord Jermyn and other Lords arrive at Jersey, about the end of June, from the Queen, to bring the Prince into France,

WHEN those Lords, with their great Train, came to *Fersey*, which was towards the end of *June*, they brought with them a Letter from the Queen to the Prince; in which she told him, "That she was now fully satisfied, from the Intelligence she had from *New-Castle* and *London*, that he could not make any longer residence in *Fersey*, without apparent danger of falling into the Enemies hands; and that if he should continue there, all possible attempts would be suddenly made, as well by Treachery as by Force to get his Person into their Power; and therefore, her Majesty did positively require him, to give immediate Obedience to the King's Commands, mention'd in the Letter which he had lately sent by Sr *Dudley Wyat* (which is set out before) "and reiterated in a Letter which she had since receiv'd from the King by Monsieur *Montrevil*. Her Majesty said, "That she had the greatest assurance from the Crown of *France*, that possibly could be given, for his honourable reception, and full liberty to continue there, and to depart from thence, at his pleasure; and she engaged her own word, that whenever his Council should find it fit for him to go out of *France*, she would never oppose it; and that during his residence in that Kingdom, all matters of Importance which might concern him-

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“ self, or relate to his Majesty’s Affairs, should be debated and  
 “ resolv’d by himself and the Council, in such manner as they  
 “ ought to have been, if he had continued in *England*, or in  
 “ *Fersey*: and concluded, “ That he should make all possible  
 “ haste to her.

THE Lords which arriv’d with this dispatch from her Majesty, had no imagination that there would have been any question of his Highness’s compliance with the Queen’s Command; and therefore, as soon as they had kiss’d the Prince’s hand, which was in the Afternoon, they desired that the Council might presently be called; and when they came together, the Lords *Fermyn*, *Digby*, and *Wentworth*, being likewise present, and sitting in the Council, they desired the Prince “ That his Mother’s Letter might be read; and then, since “ they conceiv’d there could be no debate upon his Highness’s yielding Obedience to the Command of the King and “ Queen, that they might only consider of the day when he “ might begin his Journey, and of the order he would observe “ in it. The Lords of the Council represented to the Prince, Debates in the Prince’s Council concerning his going. “ that they were the only Persons that were accountable to “ the King, and to the Kingdom, for any resolution his Highness should take, and for the Consequence thereof; and that “ the other Lords who were present, had no Title to deliver “ their advice, or to be present at the debate, they being in “ no degree responsible for what his Highness should resolve “ to do; and therefore desired that the whole matter might be “ debated; the State of the King’s present Condition understood as far as it might be; and the Reasons consider’d “ which made it Counsellable for his Highness to repair into “ *France*, and what might be said against it; and the rather, “ because it was very notorious that the King had given no positive direction in the Point, but upon a Supposition that “ the Prince could not remain secure in *Fersey*; which was “ likewise the ground of the Queen’s last Command; and which “ they believ’d had no Foundation of Reason; and that his “ Residence there might be very unquestionably safe. This begot some warmth, and contradiction between Persons; in-  
 so-much as the Prince thought it very necessary to suspend the debate till the next day, to the end that by several and private Conferences together between the Lords who came from *Paris*, and those who were in *Fersey*, they might convert, or confirm each other in the same opinions; at least that the next debate might be free from Passion and Unkindness; and so the Council rose, and the several Lords betook themselves to use the same Arguments, or such as they thought more agreeable to the several Persons, - as the Lord *Digby* had before done to his Friend, and with the same success.

The Lord Capel delivers his opinion against it.

THE next day when they were called together, the Lord Capel gave an account of all that had pass'd with the Queen from the time that the Lord Colepepper and he came thither ; and " That the reasons they had carried from the Prince, had " so far prevailed with the Queen, that her Majesty resolv'd " to take no final resolution till she receiv'd farther Adver- " tisement of the King's pleasure ; and he did not think that " the information she had receiv'd from Monsieur *Montrevil*, " had weight enough to produce the quick resolution it had " done : that he thought it still most absolutely necessary, to " receive the King's positive Command before the Prince " should remove out of his Majesty's own Dominions ; there " being no shadow of cause to suspect his security there : That " he had then offer'd to the Queen, that he would himself " make a Journey to *New-Castle* to receive his Majesty's " Commands ; and that he now made the same offer to the " Prince ; and because it did appear that his Majesty was very " strictly guarded, and that Persons did not easily find access " to him, and that his own Person might be seised upon in " his Journey thither, or his stay there, or his return back, " and so his Highness might be disappointed of the informa- " tion he expected, and remain still in the same uncertainty " as to a resolution, he did propose, and consent to, as his " opinion, that if he did not return again to *Jersey* within the " space of one Month, the Prince should resolve to remove " into *France*, if in the mean time such preparatories were " made there, as he thought were necessary, and were yet " defective.

HE said, " He had been lately at *Paris* by the Prince's " Command ; and had receiv'd many Graces from the Queen, " who had vouchsafed to impart all her own Reasons for the " Prince's remove, and the grounds for the confidence she " had of the Affections of *France* ; but, that he did still won- " der, if the Court of *France* had so great a desire, as was " pretended, that the Prince of *Wales* should repair thither, " that in the two Months time his Highness had been in *Jer- " sey*, they had never sent a Gentleman to see him, and to in- " vite him to come thither ; nor had these who came now " from the Queen, brought so much as a Pass for him to come " into *France* : That he could not but observe, that all We had " hitherto propos'd to our selves from *France*, had proved in " no degree answerable to our expectations ; as the five thou- " sand Foot, which We had expected in the West before the " Prince came from thence ; and that We had more reason to " be jealous now than ever, since it had been by the advice " of *France*, that the King had now put himself into the hands " of the *Scots* ; and therefore We ought to be the more watch- " ful

ful in the disposing the Person of the Prince by their advice likewise. He concluded, "That he could not give his advice, or consent, that the Prince should repair into *France*, till the King's pleasure might be known, or such other circumstances might be provided in *France*, as had been hitherto neglected.

THE Lord *Digby* and the Lord *Jermyn* wonder'd very much, "That there should be any doubt of the Affections of *France*, or that it should be believ'd that the Queen could be deceiv'd, or not well enough inform'd in that particular: They related many particulars which had passed between the Cardinal and them in private Conferences, and the great professions of Affection he made to the King. They said, "That the Embassadour who was now appointed to go thither, was chosen by the Queen her self; and had no other Instructions but what she had given him; and that he was not to stay there above a Month; at the end of which he was to denounce War against the Parliament, if they did not comply with such Propositions as he made; and so to return; and then, that there should be an Army of thirty thousand Men immediately Transported into *England*, with the Prince of *Wales* in the head of them; that the Embassadour was already gone from *Paris*, but was not to Embark till he should first receive Advertisement that the Prince of *Wales* was Landed in *France*; for that *France* had no reason to interest themselves so far in the King's Quarrel, if the Prince of *Wales* should refuse to venture his Person with them; or, it may be, engage against them upon another Interest.

*The Arguments of the Lord Digby and Lord Jermyn for it.*

THEY therefore besought the Prince, and the Lords "That they would consider well, whether he would disappoint his Father and Himself of so great Fruit as they were even ready to Gather, and of which they could not be disappointed but by unseasonable Jealousies or the Integrity of *France*, and by delaying to give them satisfaction in the remove of the Prince from *Jersey*.

THESE Arguments press'd with all the assurance imaginable, by Persons of that near Trust and Confidence with the King, who were not like to be deceiv'd Themselves, nor to have any purpose to deceive the Prince, wrought so far with his Highness, that he declared "He would comply with the Commands of the Queen, and forthwith remove into *France*; which being resolv'd, he wish'd "There might be no more debate upon that point, but that they would all prepare to go with him, and that there might be as great an Unity in their Counsels, as had hitherto always been.

*The Prince resolves to go into France.*

THIS so positive Declaration of the Prince of his own Resolution, made all farther Arguments against it not only useless

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less but indecent; and therefore they replied not to that Point, yet every Man of the Council, the Lord *Colepepper* only excepted, besought his Highness "That he would give them his Pardon, if they did not further wait upon him; for they conceiv'd their Commission to be now at an end; and that they could not assume any Authority by it to themselves, if they waited upon him into *France*; nor expect that their Counsels there should be hearken'd unto, when they were now rejected. And so, after some sharp replies between the Lords of different Judgments, which made the Council break up the sooner, they who resolv'd not to go into *France* took their leaves of the Prince, and kiss'd his hand; his Highness then declaring, "That he would be gone the next day by five of the Clock in the Morning, though the cross Winds, and want of some Provisions which were necessary for the Journey detained him there four or five days longer: during which time, the Dissenting Lords every day waited upon him, and were receiv'd by him very graciously; his Highness well knowing and expressing to them a confidence in their Affections, and that they would be sure to wait upon him, whenever his occasions should be ready for their Service. But between them and the other Lords, there grew by degrees so great a strangeness, that, the last day, they did not so much as speak to each other; they who came from the Queen taking it very ill, that the others had presumed to dissent from what her Majesty had so positively commanded. And though they neither loved their Persons, nor cared for their Company, and without doubt, if they had gone into *France*, would have made them quickly weary of theirs; yet, in that Conjunction, they believ'd that the Dissent and Separation of all those Persons who were trusted by the King with the Person of the Prince, would blast their Counsel, and weigh down the single positive Determination of the Queen her self.

ON the other side, the others did not think they were treated in that manner as was due to Persons so entrusted; but that in truth many ill Consequences would result from that suddain departure of the Prince out of the King's Dominions, where his residence might have been secure in respect of the Affairs of *England*; where, besides the Garrisons of *Silly* and *Pendennis* (which might always be reliev'd by Sea) there remain'd still within his Majesty's Obedience, *Oxford*, *Worcester*, *Wallingford*, *Ludlow*, and some other places of less name, which, upon any divisions among themselves, that were naturally to be expected, might have turn'd the Scale: Nor did they know, of what ill Consequence it might be to the King, that in such a Conjunction the Prince should be remov'd, when it might be more Counsellable that he should appear in *Scotland*.

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MOREOVER, Mr *Asburnham's* opinion, which he had deliver'd to the Lord *Capel*, wrought very much upon them; for that a Man so entirely trusted by the King, who had seen him as lately as any Body, should bring no directions from his Majesty to his Son, and that he should believe, that it was fitter for the Prince to stay in *Fersey* than to remove into *France*, till his Majesty's pleasure was better understood, confirm'd them in the judgment they had deliver'd.

BUT there was another reason that prevailed with those who had been made Privy to it, and which out of Duty to the Queen, they thought not fit to publish, or insist upon; it was the Instructions given to *Bellievre* (and which too much manifested the irresolution her Majesty had) not to insist upon what they well knew the King would never depart from; for, though that Embassadour was required to do all he could to persuade the Presbyterians to joyn with the King's Party, and not to insist upon the destruction of the Church, yet if he found that could not be compass'd, He was to press, as the advice of the King his Master, his Majesty to part with the Church, and to satisfy the Presbyterians in that point, as the advice of the Queen his Wife, and of his own Party; which method was afterwards observ'd and pursued by *Bellievre*; which those Lords perfectly abhorr'd; and thought not fit ever to concur in, or to be privy to those Counsels that had begun, and were to carry on that Confusion.

WITHIN a day or two after the Prince's departure from *Fersey*, the Earl of *Berk-shire* left it likewise, and went for *England*; the Lords *Capel*, *Hopton*, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, remain'd together in *Fersey* to expect the King's pleasure, and to attend a conjuncture to appear again in his Majesty's Service, of all which they found an opportunity to inform his Majesty, who very well interpreted all that they had done according to the sincerity of their hearts; yet did believe, that if they had likewise waited upon the Prince into *France*, they might have been able to have prevented or diverted those violent Pressures, which were afterwards made upon him from thence, and gave him more disquiet than he suffer'd from all the Insolence of his Enemies.

IN a word, if the King's Fortune had been farther to be conducted by any fixt Rules of policy and discretion, and if the current towards his destruction had not run with such a Torrent, as carried down all obstructions of Sobriety and Wisdom, and made the Confusion inevitable, it is very probable that this so suddain remove of the Prince from *Fersey* with all the Circumstances thereof, might have been look'd upon, and Censured with Severity, as an Action that swerv'd from that prudence which by the fundamental Rules of policy had been  
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long establish'd; but by the Fatal and prodigious Calamities which follow'd, all Counsels of wise and unwise Men proving equally unsuccessful, the Memory of what had pass'd before, grew to be the less thought upon and consider'd.

*Transactions relating to the King in the Scottish Army.*

WHILST these things were thus Transacted in other Parts, the King remain'd yet in the *Scottish* Army; that People behaving themselves in such a manner, that most Men believ'd they would never have parted with his Majesty till a full Peace had been made. The Parliament made many sharp Instances, "That the King might be deliver'd into their hands; "and that the *Scottish* Army would return into their own Country, having done what they were sent for, and the War being at an end. To which the Council of *Scotland* seem'd to Answer with Courage enough, and insisted most on those Arguments of the King's legal Rights, which had been, in all his Majesty's Declarations, urged against the Parliament's proceedings; and which indeed could never be Answer'd; and as much condemn'd Them, as the Parliament.

IN the mean time, though the King receiv'd all outward Respect, he was in truth in the condition of a Prisoner; no Servant whom he could Trust suffer'd to come to him; and though many Persons of Quality who had serv'd the King in the War, when they saw the resolute Answers made by the *Scots*, "That they neither would nor could compel their King "to return to the Parliament, if his Majesty had no mind to "do so, repaired to *New-Castle*, where his Majesty was, yet none of them were suffer'd to speak to him; nor could he receive from, or send any Letter to the Queen or Prince; and yet the *Scots* observ'd all distances, and perform'd all the Ceremonies as could have been expected if they had indeed treated him as their King; and made as great profession to him of their Duty and good purposes, "Which they said they would "manifest as soon as it should be seasonable; and then his Servants, and Friends should repair to him with all Liberty, "and be well receiv'd: and as they endeavour'd to persuade the King to expect this from them, so they prevailed with many Officers of that Army, and some of the Nobility, to believe that they meant well, but that it was not yet time to discover their Intentions.

*The King sends to the Marquis of Moutrose to disband; which he did.*

THUS they prevailed with the King to send his positive Orders to the Marquis of *Moutrose*, who had indeed done Wonders, to lay down his Arms, and to leave the Kingdom; till when, they pretended they could not declare for his Majesty; and this was done with so much earnestness, and by a particular Messenger known and trusted, that the Marquis obeyed, and transported himself into *France*.

THE N they employ'd their *Alexander Henderson*, and their other Clergy, to perswade the King to consent to the Extirpation of Episcopacy in *England*, as he had in *Scotland*; and it was, and is still believ'd that if his Majesty would have been induced to have satisfied them in that particular, they would either have had a Party in the Parliament at *Westminster* to have been satisfied therewith, or that they would thereupon have declar'd for the King, and have presently joyn'd with the Loyal Party in all places for his Majesty's defence. But the King was too Conscientious to buy his Peace at so Prophane and Sacrilegious a Price as was demanded; and he was so much too hard for M<sup>r</sup> *Henderson* in the Argumentation (as appears by the Papers that passed between them, which were shortly after Communicated to the world) that the old Man himself was so far Convinced, and Converted, that he had a very deep sense of the mischief he had himself been the Author of, and too much contributed to, and lamented it to his nearest Friends, and Confidants; and dyed of grief, and heart-broken, within a very short time after he departed from his Majesty.

*They employ Henderson to the King to dispute with him concerning Church Government.*

*Mr Henderson dyes shortly after.*

WHILST the King stayed at *New-Castle*, *Bellievre* the *French* Embassadour, who was sent from *Paris* after the Prince arriv'd there, and by whom the Cardinal had promised to press the Parliament so imperiously, and to denounce a War against them if they refus'd to yield to what was reasonable towards an Agreement with the King, came to his Majesty, after he had spent some time at *London* in all the low Application to the Parliament that can be imagin'd, without any mention of the King with any tenderness, as if his Interest were at all consider'd by the King his Master, and without any consultation with those of his Majesty's Party; who were then in *London*, and would have been very ready to have advised with him. But he chose rather to converse with the principal Leaders of the Presbyterian Party in the Parliament, and with the *Scotish* Commissioners; from whose Information he took all his Measures; and they assured him, "That nothing could be done for the King, except he would give up the Church; extirpate Episcopacy; and grant all the Lands belonging to Cathedral Churches to such Uses as the Parliament should advise; so that, when he came to the King, he press'd him very earnestly to that Condescension.

*Bellievre's negotiations at London, and with the King afterwards at New-Castle.*

BUT, besides the matter propos'd, in which his Majesty was unmoveable, he had no esteem of any thing the Embassadour said to him, having too late discover'd the little affection the Cardinal had for him, and which he had too much relied upon. For, as hath been already said, by his advice, and upon his undertaking and assurance that his Majesty should be well receiv'd

receiv'd in the *Scottish* Army, and that they would be firm to his Interest, his Majesty had ventur'd to put himself into their hands; and he was no sooner there, than all they with whom *Montreuil* had Treated, disavow'd their undertaking what the King had been inform'd of; and though the Envoy did avow, and justify, what he had inform'd the King, to the Faces of the Persons, who had given their Engagements, the Cardinal chose rather to Recall, and Discountenance the Minister of that Crown, than to enter into any Expostulation with the Parliament, or the *Scots*.

THE Embassadour, by an Express, quickly inform'd the Cardinal that the King was too reserv'd in giving the Parliament satisfaction; and therefore wished, "That some Body might be sent over, who was like to have so much credit with his Majesty as to perswade him to what was necessary for his Service. Upon which, the Queen, who was never advis'd by those who either understood, or valued his true Interest, consulted with those about her; and sent *Sr William D'avenant*, an honest Man, and a Witty, but in all respects inferior to such a Trust, with a Letter of credit to the King (who knew the Person well enough under another Character than was like to give him much credit in the Argument in which he was intrusted) although her Majesty had likewise other ways declared her opinion to his Majesty, "That he should part with "the Church for his Peace and Security.

*Sr William D'avenant sent from the Queen to the King to perswade him to give up the Church.*

*Sir William D'avenant* had, by the countenance of the *French* Embassadour, easy admission to the King; who heard him patiently all he had to say, and answer'd him in that manner that made it evident he was not pleas'd with the advice. When he found his Majesty unsatisfied, and that he was not like to consent to what was so earnestly desired by them by whose advice he was sent, who undervalued all those scruples of Conscience which his Majesty himself was strongly possess'd with, he took upon himself the confidence to offer some Reasons to the King to induce him to yield to what was propos'd; and, among other things, said, "It was the advice "and opinion of all his Friends; his Majesty asking, "What "Friends? and he answering, that it was the opinion of the "Lord *Fermyn*, the King said, "That the Lord *Fermyn* did "not understand any thing of the Church. The other said, "the Lord *Colepepper* was of the same mind. The King said, *Colepepper* had no Religion: and asked, "Whether the Chan- "cellor of the Exchequer was of that mind? to which he answer'd, "He did not know; for that he was not there, and "had deserted the Prince: and thereupon, said somewhat from the Queen of the displeasure she had conceiv'd against the Chancellor; to which the King said, "The Chancellor

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“ was an honest Man, and would never desert Him, nor the Prince, nor the Church; and that he was sorry he was not with his Son; but that his Wife was mistaken: *D'avenant* then offering some reasons of his own, in which he mention'd the Church slightly, as if it were not of Importance enough to weigh down the benefit that would attend the concession, his Majesty was transported with so much indignation, that he gave him a sharper reprehension than was usual for him to give to any other Man; and forbid him to presume to come again into his Presence. Whereupon the poor Man, who had in truth very good Affections, was exceedingly dejected and afflicted; and return'd into *France*, to give an Account of his ill Success to those who sent him.

As all Men's expectations from the Courage and Activity of the *French* Embassadour in *England*, were thus frustrated, by his mean and low Carriage both towards the Parliament and at *New Castle*, so all the professions which had been made of respect and tendernefs towards the Prince of *Wales*, when his Person should once appear in *France*, were as unworthily disappointed. The Prince had been above two Months with the Queen his Mother, before any notice was taken of his being in *France*, by the least Message sent from the Court to Congratulate his arrival there; but that time was spent in debating the Formalities of his Reception; how the King should treat him? and how he should behave himself towards the King? whether he should take place of Mounfieur the King's Brother? and what kind of Ceremonies should be observ'd between the Prince of *Wales* and his Uncle the Duke of *Orleans*? and many such other particulars; in all which they were resolv'd to give the Law themselves; and which had been fitter to have been adjusted in *Jersey*, before he put himself into their Power, than disputed afterwards in the Court of *France*; from which there could be then no Appeal.

*The Prince's treatment when he came into France.*

THERE can be no doubt but that the Cardinal, who was the sole Minister of State, and directed all that was to be done, and dictated all that was to be said, did think the presence of the Prince there of the highest importance to their affairs, and did all that was in his Power, to perswade the Queen that it was as necessary for the affairs of the King her Husband, and of her Majesty: but now that work was over, and the Person of the Prince brought into their power, without the least publick Act or Ceremony to invite him thither, it was no less his care that the Parliament in *England*, and the Officers of the Army, whom he fear'd more than the Parliament, should believe that the Prince came thither without their wish, and in truth against their will; that the Crown of *France* could not refuse to interpose, and mediate, to make

up the difference between the Parliament and the *Scottish* Nation, and that the Kingdoms might be restored to Peace; but that when they had perform'd that Office of Mediation, they had perform'd their Function; and that they would no more presume to take upon them to judge between the Parliament and the *Scots*, than they had done between the King and the Parliament; and that since the Prince had come to the Queen his Mother, from which they could not reasonably restrain him, it should not be attended with any prejudice to the Peace of *England*; nor should he there find any means, or assistance, to disturb it. And it was believ'd by those who stood at no great distance from affairs, that the Cardinal then laid the Foundation for that Friendship which was shortly after built up between him and *Cromwell*, by promising "That they should receive less inconvenience by the Prince's remaining in *France*, than if he were in any other part of *Europe*." And it can hardly be believ'd, with how little respect they treated him during the whole time of his stay there. They were very careful that he might not be look'd upon as supported by them either according to his Dignity, or for the maintenance of his Family; but a mean addition to the Pension which the Queen had before, was made to her Majesty, without any mention of the Prince her Son; who was wholly to depend upon her Bounty, without power to gratify and oblige any of his own Servants; that they likewise might depend only upon the Queen's goodness and favour, and so behave themselves accordingly.

WHEN the *Scots* had secured the peace and quiet of their own Country, by Disbanding the Forces under the Marquis of *Mountrose*, and by his Transporting himself beyond the Seas, and by putting to death several persons of Name who had follow'd the Marquis, and had been taken Prisoners, among whom *Sr Robert Spotswood* was one, a worthy honest Loyal Gentleman, and as wise a Man as that Nation had at that time (whom the King had made Secretary of State of that Kingdom, in the place of the Earl of *Lanrick*, who was then in Arms against him; which, it may be, was a principal cause that the other was put to death.) And when they had with such Solemnity and Resolution made it plain and evident, that they could not without the most barefaced violation of their Faith and Allegiance, and of the fundamental principle of Christian Religion, ever deliver up their Native King, who had put himself into their hands, into the hands of the Parliament, against his own Will and consent: And when the Earl of *Louden* had publickly declar'd to the two Houses of Parliament in a Conference, "That an Eternal Infamy would lie upon them, and the whole Nation, if they should de-

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“liver the Person of the King; the securing of which was  
 “equally their Duty, as it was the Parliament’s, and the dis-  
 “posal of his Person in order to that security, did equally be-  
 “long to Them as to the Parliament; however, they said,  
 “they would use all the perswasion, and all the importunity  
 “they could with the King that his Majesty might yield, and  
 “consent to the propositions the Parliament had sent to him:

THE Parliament had, upon the first notice of the King’s  
 being arriv’d in the *Scotish* Army, sent a positive Command  
 to the Committee of both Kingdoms residing in the *Scotish*  
 Army, that the Person of the King should be forthwith sent  
 to *Warwick* Castle; but the *Scots*, who apprehended they  
 could not be long without such an Order, had, within two  
 days after his Majesty’s coming to them, and after he had  
 caused *Newark* to be deliver’d up, with wonderful expedition  
 march’d towards *New-Castle*; and were arriv’d there before  
 they receiv’d that Order for sending his Majesty to *Warwick*;  
 which proceeding of theirs, pleas’d his Majesty very well,  
 among many other things which displeas’d him; and per-  
 swad’d him, that though they would observe their own meth-  
 od, they would, in the end, do somewhat for his Service.

UPON the receiving that Order, they renew’d their pro-  
 fessions to the Parliament of observing punctually all that had  
 been agreed between them; and besought them, “That since  
 “they had promis’d the King before he left *Oxford*, to send  
 “Propositions to him, they would now do it; and said, that  
 “if he refus’d to comply with them, to which they should  
 “perswade him, they knew what they were to do. Then  
 they advis’d the King, and prevail’d with him, to send Or-  
 ders to the Governour of *Oxford* to make conditions, and to  
 surrender that place (where his Son the Duke of *York* was,  
 and all the Council) into the hands of *Fairfax*, who with his  
 Army then besieg’d them; and likewise to publish a general  
 Order (which they caus’d to be printed) “That all Gover-  
 “nours of any Garrisons for his Majesty, should immedi-  
 “ately deliver them up to the Parliament upon fair and ho-  
 “nourable Conditions, since his Majesty resolv’d in all things  
 “to be advis’d by his Parliament; and till this was done,  
 “they said, they could not declare themselves in that manner  
 “for his Majesty’s Service, and Interest, as they resolv’d to  
 “do; for that they were, by their Treaty and Confederacy, to  
 “serve the Parliament in such manner as they should direct,  
 “until the War should be ended; but, that done, they had no  
 “more obligations to the Parliament; and that, when his Ma-  
 “jesty had no more Forces on Foot, nor Garrisons which  
 “held out for him, it could not be denied but that the War  
 “was at an end; and then they could speak and expostulate

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 Oxford and  
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 Garrisons.*

“with freedom. By which arts, they prevailed with the King to send, and publish such Orders as aforesaid; and which indeed, as the Case then stood, he could have receiv’d little benefit by not publishing.

*The Parliament, upon the Scots request, sends Propositions of Peace to the King at New-Castle; about the end of July.*

THE Parliament was contented, as the more expedite way (though they were much offended at the presumption of the Scots in neglecting to send the King to *Warwick*) to send their Propositions to the King (which they knew his Majesty would never grant) by Commissioners of both Houses, who had no other Authority, or Power, than “To demand a positive Answer from the King in ten days, and then to return. These Propositions were deliver’d about the end of *July*; and contain’d such an eradication of the Government of the Church and State, that the King told them, “He knew not what Answer to make to them, till he should be inform’d what Power or Authority they had left to him, and his Heirs, when he had given all that to them which they desired. He desir’d, That he might be removed to some of his own Houses, and that he might reside there, till, upon a Personal Treaty with his Parliament, such an agreement might be established as the Kingdom might enjoy peace and happiness under it; which, he was sure, it could never do by the concessions they propos’d.

*His Majesty's Answer.*

THE Scots who were enough convinced that his Majesty could never be wrought upon to sacrifice the Church to their wild lusts and impiety, were as good as their word to the Parliament, and used all the rude Importunity and Threats to his Majesty, to perswade him freely to consent to all: though they confess’d “That the Propositions were higher in many things than they approv’d of, yet they saw no other means for him to close with his Parliament, than by granting what they required.

*The Scots enforce the Parliament Propositions by their Chancellor.*

THE Chancellor of *Scotland* told him, “That the consequence of his Answer to the Propositions, was as great, as the ruin, or preservation of his Crown or Kingdoms. That the Parliament after many bloody Battles, had got the strongholds and Forts of the Kingdom into their hands: that they had his Revenue, Excise, Assessments, Sequestrations, and Power to raise all the Men and Money of the Kingdom: that they had gain’d Victory over all, and that they had a strong Army to maintain it; so that they might do what they would with Church or State: that they desired neither Him, nor any of his Race, longer to Reign over them; and had sent these Propositions to his Majesty, without the granting whereof, the Kingdom and his People could not be in safety: that if he refused to Assent, he would lose all his Friends in Parliament, lose the City, and lose the Coun-  
try;

“try; and that all *England* would joyn against him as one  
 “Man to process, and depose him, and to set up another Go-  
 “vernment; and so, that both Kingdoms, for either’s Safety,  
 “would agree to settle Religion and Peace without him, to  
 “the ruin of his Majesty, and his Posterity: and concluded,  
 “that if he left *England*, he would not be admitted to come  
 “and Reign in *Scotland*.

AND it is very true that the General Assembly of the Kirk,  
 which was then sitting in *Scotland*, had Petition’d the Con-  
 servators of the Peace of the Kingdom, “That if the King  
 “should refuse to give satisfaction to his Parliament, he might  
 “not be permitted to come into *Scotland*. This kind of Ar-  
 gumentation did more provoke than perswade the King; he  
 told them, with great Resolution, and Magnanimity, “That  
 “no Condition they could reduce him to, could be half so mi-  
 “serable, and grievous to him, as that which they would  
 “perswade him to reduce himself to; and therefore, bid them  
 “proceed their own way; and that though they had all for-  
 “saken him, God had not.

*His Maje-  
 sty’s Answer  
 to them.*

THE Parliament had now receiv’d the Answer they ex-  
 pected; and, forthwith, requir’d “The *Scots* to quit the King-  
 “dom, and to deliver the Person of the King to such Persons  
 “as they should appoint to receive him; who should attend  
 upon his Majesty from *New-Castle* to *Holmby*, a House of  
 his at a small distance from *Northampton*, a Town and Coun-  
 try of very eminent disaffection to the King throughout the  
 War; and declar’d “That his Majesty should be treated, with  
 “respect to the safety and preservation of his Person, accord-  
 “ing to the Covenant: And that after his coming to *Holmby*,  
 “he should be attended by such as they should appoint; and  
 “that when the *Scots* were remov’d out of *England*, the Par-  
 “liament would joyn with their Brethren of *Scotland* again  
 “to perswade the King to pass the Propositions; which if he  
 “refused to do, the House would do nothing that might break  
 “the Union of the two Kingdoms, but would endeavour to  
 “preserve the same.

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 the King.*

THE *Scots* now begun again to talk sturdily, and deny’d  
 “That the Parliament of *England* had power absolutely to  
 “dispose of the Person of the King without their approba-  
 “tion; and the Parliament as loudly reply’d, “That they had  
 “nothing to do in *England*, but to observe their Orders; and  
 added such Threats to their Reasons, as might let them see  
 they had a great contempt of their power, and would exact  
 Obedience from them, if they refused to yield it. But these  
 discourfes were only kept up till they could adjust all Ac-  
 counts between them, and agree what Price they should pay  
 for the delivery of his Person, whom one side was resolv’d to

The Scots agree to deliver up the King.

have, and the other as resolv'd not to keep; and so they agreed; and, upon the payment of two hundred thousand pounds in hand, and security for as much more upon days agreed upon, the *Scots* deliver'd the King up into such hands as the Parliament appointed to receive Him.

IN this infamous manner that excellent Prince was, in the end of *January*, given up, by his *Scottish* Subjects, to those of his *English* who were intrusted by the Parliament to receive Him; which had appointed a Committee of Lords and Commons, to go to the place agreed upon with a Party of Horse and Foot of the Army, which were subject to the Orders of that Committee, and the Committee it self to go to *New-Castle* to receive that Town as well as the King; where, and to whom, his Majesty was deliver'd.

The Committee appointed by the Parliament receive the King at New-Castle in the end of January. Servants appointed by the Parliament to attend his Majesty.

THEY receiv'd Him with the same formality of respect as he had been treated with by the *Scots*, and with the same strictness restrain'd all resort of those to his Majesty, who were of doubtful Affections to them, and their Cause. Servants were particularly appointed, and named by the Parliament, to attend upon his Person, and Service, in all relations; amongst which, in the first place, they prefer'd those who had faithfully adhered to them against their Master; and, where such were wanting, they found others who had manifested their Affection to them. And, in this distribution, the Presbyterian Party in the Houses did what they pleased, and were thought to govern all. The Independents craftily letting them enjoy that confidence of their power and interest, till they had dismiss'd their Friends, the *Scots*, out of the Kingdom; and permitting them to put Men of their principles about the Person of the King, and to choose such a Guard as they could confide in, to attend his Majesty.

The King is brought to Holmby.

OF the Committee employ'd to govern and direct all, Major General *Brown* was one, who had a great Name and Interest in the City, and with all the Presbyterian Party, and had done great Service to the Parliament in the War under the Earl of *Effex*, and was a diligent and stout Commander. In this manner, and with this attendance, his Majesty was brought to his own House at *Holmby* in *Northampton-shire*; a place he had taken much delight in: And there he was to stay till the Parliament and the Army (for the Army now took upon them to have a share, and to give their opinion in the Settlement that should be made) should determine what should be farther done.

In the mean time, the Committee paid all respects to his Majesty; and he enjoy'd those Exercises he most delighted in; and seem'd to have all liberty, but to confer with Persons he most desir'd, and to have such Servants about him as he could trust.

trust. That which most displeas'd him, was, that they would not permit him to have his own Chaplains; but order'd Presbyterian Ministers to attend for Divine Service; and his Majesty, utterly refusing to be present at their Devotions, was compell'd at those hours to be his own Chaplain in his Bed-Chamber; where he constantly us'd the Common-Prayer by himself. His Majesty bore this constraint so heavily that he writ a Letter to the House of Peers, in which he inclosed a List of the Names of thirteen of his Chaplains; any two of which he desir'd might have liberty to attend him for his Devotion. To which, after many days consideration, they return'd this Answer; "That all those Chaplains were disaffected to the Establish'd Government of the Church, and had not taken the Covenant; but that there were others who had, who, if his Majesty pleas'd, should be sent to him. After this Answer, his Majesty thought it to no purpose to importune them further in that particular; but, next to the having his own Chaplains, he would have been best pleas'd to have been without any; they who were sent by them, being Men of mean Parts, and of most impertinent and troublesome Confidence and Importunity.

WHILST those disputes continued between the Parliament and the Scots concerning the King's Person, the Army proceeded with great Success in reducing those Garrisons which still continued, in his Majesty's Obedience; whereof though some Surrender'd more easily and with less resistance than they might have made, satisfying themselves with the King's general Order, that there was no reasonable expectation of Relief, and therefore that it would not be amiss, by an early Submission, to obtain better Conditions for themselves; yet others defended themselves with notable Obstinacy to the last, to the great damage of the Enemy, and to the detaining the Army from Uniting together; without which they could not pursue the great designs they had. And this was one of the reasons that made the Treaty with the Scots depend so long, and that the Presbyterians continued their Authority and Credit so long; and We may observe again, that those Garrisons which were maintain'd and defended with the greatest Courage and Virtue, in the end, obtain'd as good and as honourable Conditions, as any of those who Surrender'd upon the first Summons.

THIS was the Case of *Ragland* and *Pendennis* Castles; which endured the longest Sieges, and held out the last of any Forts or Castles in *England*; being bravely defended by two Persons of very great Age; but were at length deliver'd up within a day or two of each other. *Ragland* was maintain'd with extraordinary Resolution and Courage, by the old

Marquis of *Worcester* against *Fairfax* himself, till it was reduced to the utmost Necessity. *Pendennis* refused all Summons; admitting no Treaty, till all their Provisions were so far consumed, that they had not Victual left for four and twenty hours; and then they treated and carried themselves in the Treaty with such Resolution, and Unconcernedness, that the Enemy concluded they were in no streights; and so gave them the Conditions they propos'd; which were as good as any Garrison in *England* had accepted. This Castle was defended by the Governour thereof, *John Arundel* of *Trerice* in *Cornwal*, an old Gentleman of near fourscore years of Age, and of one of the best Estates and Interest in that County; who, with the Assistance of his Son *Richard Arundel* (who was then a Colonel in the Army; a stout and diligent Officer; and was by the King after his Return made a Baron, Lord *Arundel* of *Trerice*, in memory of his Father's Service, and his own eminent behaviour throughout the War) maintained, and defended the same to the last Extremity.

THERE remain'd with him in that Service many Gentlemen of the Country of great Loyalty, amongst whom *S<sup>t</sup> Henry Killigrew* was one; who, being an intimate Friend of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, resolv'd to go to *Jersey*; and, as soon as the Castle was Surrender'd, took the first opportunity of a Vessel then in the Harbour of *Falmouth*, to Transport himself with some Officers and Soldiers to *S<sup>t</sup> Maloes* in *Britany*; from whence he writ to the Chancellor in *Jersey*, that he would procure a Bark of that Island to go to *S<sup>t</sup> Maloes* to fetch him thither; which, by the kindness of *S<sup>t</sup> George Carteret*, was presently sent, with a longing desire to receive him into that Island; the two Lords *Capel* and *Hopton*, and the Governour, having an extraordinary affection for him, as well as the Chancellor. Within two days after, upon view of the Vessel at Sea (which they well knew) they all made haste to the Harbour to receive their Friend; but, when they came thither, to their infinite regret, they found his Body there in a Coffin, he having dy'd at *S<sup>t</sup> Maloes* within a day after he had written his Letter.

AFTER the Treaty was sign'd for delivering the Castle, he had walked out to discharge some Arms which were in his Chamber; among which, a Carabine that had been long charged, in the shooting off, broke; and a splinter of it struck him in the forehead; which, though it drew much Blood, was not apprehended by him to be of any danger; so that his Friends could not perswade him to stay there till the wound was cured; but the Blood being stopp'd and the Chirurgeon having bound it up, he prosecuted his intended Voyage; and at his Landing at *S<sup>t</sup> Maloes*, he writ that Letter; believing his wound



wound would give him little trouble. But his Letter was no sooner gone than he sent for a Chirurgion; who, opening the wound, found it was very deep and dangerous; and the next day he dy'd, having desir'd that his dead Body might be sent to *Fersey*; where he was decently buried. He was a very Gallant Gentleman, of a Noble Extraction, and a fair Revenue in Land; of excellent Parts and Courage; he had one only Son, who was killed before him in a Party that fell upon the Enemies Quarters near *Bridgewater*; where he behaved himself with remarkable Courage, and was generally lamented.

SIR *Harry* was of the House of Commons; and though he had no other relation to the Court than the having many Friends there, as wherever he was known he was exceedingly belov'd, he was most zealous and passionate in opposing all the extravagant proceedings of the Parliament. And when the Earl of *Essex* was chosen General, and the several Members of the House stood up, and declar'd, what Horse they would raise, and maintain, and that they would live and dye with the Earl their General, one saying he would raise ten Horses, and another twenty, He stood up and said, "He would provide a good Horse, and a good Buff Coat, and a good pair of Pistols, and then he doubted not but he should find a good Cause; and so went out of the House, and rode Post into *Cornwal*, where his Estate and Interest lay; and there joyn'd with those Gallant Gentlemen his Friends, who first receiv'd the Lord *Hopton*, and raised those Forces which did so many famous Actions in the West.

HE would never take any Command in the Army; but they who had, consulted with no Man more. He was in all Actions, and in those places where was most danger, having great Courage and a pleasantness of humour in Danger that was very exemplary; and they who did not do their duty, took care not to be within his view; for he was a very sharp Speaker, and cared not for angering those who deserv'd to be reprehended. The *Arundels*, *Trelawnies*, *Slannings*, *Trevanions*, and all the signal Men of that County, infinitely loved his Spirit, and Sincerity; and his Credit and Interest had a great influence upon all but those who did not love the King; and to those, he was very terrible; and exceedingly hated by them; and not loved by Men of moderate Tempers; for he thought all such prepared to Rebel, when a little Success should encourage them; and was many times too much offended with Men who with'd well, and whose Constitutions and Complexions would not permit them to express the same frankness, which his Nature and keenness of Spirit could not suppress. His loss was much lamented by all good Men.

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FROM the time that the King was brought to *Holmby*, and whilst he stay'd there, he was afflicted with the same pressures concerning the Church, which had disquieted him at *New-Castle*; the Parliament not remitting any of their Insolencies in their Demands: all which was imputed to the Presbyterians, who were thought to exercise the whole Power, and begun to give Orders for the lessening their great Charge by disbanding some Troops of their Army, and sending others for *Ireland*; which they made no doubt speedily to Reduce; and declar'd, "That they would then disband all Armies, that the Kingdom might be govern'd by the known Laws.

*Differences arise between the Parliament and the Army.*

THIS Temper in the Houses raised another Spirit in the Army; which did neither like the Presbyterian Government that they saw ready to be settled in the Church, nor that the Parliament should so absolutely dispose of them, by whom they had gotten power to do all they had done; and *Cromwell*, who had the sole influence upon the Army, under-hand, made them Petition the Houses against any thing that was done contrary to his opinion. He himself, and his Officers, took upon them to Preach and Pray publickly to their Troops, and admitted few or no Chaplains in the Army, but such as bitterly inveighed against the Presbyterian Government, as more Tyrannical than Episcopacy; and the Common Soldiers, as well as the Officers, did not only Pray, and Preach among themselves, but went up into the Pulpits in all Churches, and Preached to the People; who quickly became inspired with the same Spirit; Women as well as Men taking upon them to Pray and Preach; which made as great a noise and confusion in all opinions concerning Religion, as there was in the Civil Government of the State; scarce any Man being suffer'd to be called in question for delivering any opinion in Religion, by speaking or writing, how Prophane, Heretical, or Blasphemous soever it was; "Which they said, was to restrain the Spirit.

*Divers Sects increase in the Army.*

LIBERTY of Conscience was now the Common Argument and Quarrel, whilst the Presbyterian Party proceeded with equal bitterness against the several Sects as Enemies to all Godliness, as they had done, and still continued to do, against the Prelatical Party; and finding themselves superior in the two Houses, little doubted, by their Authority and Power there, to be able to reform the Army, and to new model it again; which they would, no doubt, have attempted, if it had not pleased God to have taken away the Earl of *Effex* some Months before this; who dy'd without being sensible of sickness, in a time when he might have been able to have undone much of the mischief he had formerly wrought; to which he had great inclinations; and had indignation enough for the indignities

*The Earl of Effex dyed in Sept. this year.*

dignities himself had receiv'd from the ungrateful Parliament, and wonderful apprehension, and detestation of the ruin he saw like to befall the King, and the Kingdom. And it is very probable, considering the present temper of the City at that time, and of the two Houses, he might, if he had liv'd, have given some check to the rage and fury that then prevailed. But God would not suffer a Man, who, out of the Pride and Vanity of his Nature, rather than the wickedness of his Heart, had been made an Instrument of so much mischief, to have any share in so glorious a work: Though his Constitution, and Temper, might very well incline him to the Lethargick indisposition of which he dy'd, yet it was loudly said by many of his Friends, "That he was poyson'd.

SURE it is that *Cromwell*, and his Party (for he was now declar'd head of the Army, though *Fairfax* continued General in Name) were wonderfully exalted with his death; he being the only Person whose Credit and Interest they fear'd, without any esteem of his Person.

AND now, that they might more substantially enter into dispute, and competition with the Parliament, and go a share with them in settling the Kingdom (as they call'd it) the Army erected a kind of Parliament among themselves. They had, from the time of the defeat of the King's Army, and when they had no more Enemy to contend with in the Field, and after they had purged their Army of all those inconvenient Officers, of whose entire Submission, and Obedience to all their Dictates, they had not confidence, set aside, in effect, their Self-denying Ordinance, and got their principal Officers of the Army, and others of their Friends, whose Principles they well knew, to be elected Members of the House of Commons into their places who were dead, or who had been expell'd by them for adhering to the King. By this means, *Fairfax* himself, *Ireton*, *Harrison*, and many others of the Independents, Officers, and Gentlemen, of the several Counties, who were transported with new fancies in Religion, and were called by a new name *Fanaticks*, sat in the House of Commons; notwithstanding all which, the Presbyterians still carried it.

BUT about this time, that they might be upon a nearer Level with the Parliament, the Army made choice of a number of such Officers as they liked; which they called the General's Council of Officers; who were to resemble the House of Peers; and the Common Soldiers made choice of three or four of each Regiment, most Corporals or Serjeants, few or none above the degree of an Ensign, who were call'd Agitators, and were to be as a House of Commons to the Council of Officers. These two Representatives met severally, and consider'd

*Agitators,*  
as well as a  
Council of  
Officers, ap-  
pointed by  
the Army.

*Their first  
Resolutions :*

consider'd of all the Acts and Orders made by the Parliament towards settling the Kingdom, and towards reforming, dividing, or disbanding of the Army: and, upon mutual Messages and Conferences between each other, they resolv'd in the first place, and declar'd, "That they would not be divided, or disbanded, before their full Arrears were paid, and before full Provision was made for Liberty of Conscience; which, they said, was the ground of the Quarrel, and for which so many of their Friends Lives had been lost, so much of their own Blood had been spilt; and that hitherto there was so little security provided in that point, that there was a greater Persecution now against Religious and Godly Men, than ever had been in the King's Government, when the Bishops were their Judges.

THEY said, "They did not look upon themselves as a Band of *Fanizaries*, hired and entertain'd only to Fight their Battles; but that they had voluntarily taken up Arms for the Liberty and Defence of the Nation of which they were a part; and before they laid down those Arms, they would see all those ends well provided for, that the People might not hereafter undergo those grievances which they had formerly suffer'd. They complain'd "That some Members of the Army had been sent for by the Parliament, and committed to Prison, which was against their Privilege; since all Soldiers ought to be tryed by a Council of War, and not by any other Judicatory: and therefore they desired redress in these, and many other particulars of as ingrateful a Nature; and that such as were Imprison'd, and in Custody, might be forthwith set at liberty; without which they could not think themselves justly dealt with: And with this Declaration and Address, they sent three or four of their own Members to the House of Commons; who deliver'd it at the Bar with wonderful Confidence.

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the Parlia-  
ment.*

THE Soldiers publish'd a vindication, as they call'd it, of their Proceedings and Resolutions, and directed it to their General; in which they complain'd of a design to disband, and new model the Army; "Which, they said, was a Plot contriv'd by some Men who had lately tasted of Sovereignty; and, being lifted up above the ordinary Sphere of Servants, endeavour'd to become Masters, and were degenerated into Tyrants. They therefore declared, "That they would neither be employ'd for the Service of *Ireland*, nor suffer themselves to be disbanded, till their desires were granted, and the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects should be vindicated, and maintain'd. This Apology, or Vindication, being sign'd by many inferior Officers, the Parliament declar'd them to be Enemies to the State; and caused some

of them, who talked loudest, to be imprison'd. Upon which a new Address was made to their General; wherein they complain'd "How disdainfully they were used by the Parliament, for whom they had ventur'd their lives, and lost their Blood: that the Priviledges which were due to them as Soldiers, and as Subjects, were taken from them; and when they complain'd of the Injuries they receiv'd, they were abus'd, beaten, and dragg'd into Goals. *And to their General.*

HEREUPON, the General was prevailed with to write a Letter to a Member of Parliament, who shew'd it the House; in which he took notice of several Petitions, which were prepared in the City of London, and some other Counties of the Kingdom, against the Army; and "That it was look'd upon as very strange, that the Officers of the Army might not be permitted to petition, when so many Petitions were receiv'd against them; and that he much doubted that the Army might draw to a Rendezvous, and think of some other way for their own vindication.

THIS manner of proceeding by the Soldiers, but especially the General seeming to be of their mind, troubled the Parliament; yet they resolv'd not to suffer their Counsels to be censured, or their Actions controuled, by those who were retain'd by them, and who liv'd upon their pay. And therefore, after many high Expressions against the presumption of several Officers and Soldiers, they declar'd "That whosoever should refuse, being commanded, to engage himself in the Service of Ireland, should be disbanded. The Army was resolv'd not to be subdued in their first so declared Resolution, and fell into a direct and high Mutiny, and call'd for the Arrears of pay due to them; which they knew where and how to Levy for themselves; nor could they be in any degree appeas'd, till the Declaration that the Parliament had made against them, was rased out of the Journal Book of both Houses, and a Months pay sent to them; nor were they satisfied with all this, but talked very loud, "That they knew how to make themselves as considerable as the Parliament, and where to have their Service better valued, and rewarded; which so frightened those at Westminster, that they appointed a Committee of Lords and Commons, whereof some were very acceptable to the Army, to go to them, and to treat with a Committee chosen of the Officers of the Army, upon the best expedients that might be applied to the composing these distempers. Now the Army thought it self upon a Level with the Parliament, when they had a Committee of the one authorized to treat with a Committee of the other; which likewise raised the Spirits of Fairfax, who had never thought of opposing or disobeying the Parliament; and disposed him to *The Parliament's Declaration thereupon.*

*Afterward raised out of their Books.*

*A Committee reappointed by the two Houses to treat with a Committee of the Army.*

to more concurrence with the impetuous humour of the Army, when he saw it was so much complied with and submitted to by all Men.

Cromwells  
behaviour at  
first in these  
Mutinies.

CROMWELL, hitherto, carried himself with that rare dissimulation (in which sure he was a very great Master) that he seem'd exceedingly incens'd against this Insolence of the Soldiers; was still in the House of Commons when any such Addresses were made; and inveighed bitterly against the presumption, and had been the cause of the Commitment, of some of the Officers. He propos'd, "That the General might be sent down to the Army; who, he said, "Would conjure down this mutinous Spirit quickly; and he was so easily believ'd, that he himself was sent once or twice to compose the Army; where after he had stay'd two or three days, he would again return to the House, and complain heavily "Of the great License that was got into the Army; that, for his own part, by the Artifice of his Enemies, and of those who desired that the Nation should be again imbrew'd in Blood, he was render'd so odious unto them, that they had a purpose to kill him, if, upon some discovery made to him, he had not escap'd out of their hands. And in these, and the like Discourses, when he spake of the Nation's being to be involv'd in new troubles, he would weep bitterly, and appear the most afflicted Man in the world with the sense of the Calamities which were like to ensue. But, as many of the wiser sort had long discover'd his wicked intentions, so his hypocrisy could not longer be conceal'd. The most active Officers and Agitators were known to be his own Creatures, and such who neither did, nor would do, any thing but by his direction. So that it was privately resolv'd by the principal Persons of the House of Commons, that when he came the next day into the House, which he seldom omitted to do, they would send him to the Tower; presuming, that if they had once sever'd his Person from the Army, they should easily reduce it to its former temper and obedience. For they had not the least jealousy of the General *Fairfax*, whom they knew to be a perfect Presbyterian in his Judgment; and that *Cromwell* had the Ascendent over him purely by his Dissimulation, and pretence of Conscience and Sincerity. There is no doubt *Fairfax*, did not then, nor long after, believe, that the other had those wicked designs in his heart against the King, or the least imagination of disobeying the Parliament.

THIS purpose of seizing upon the Person of *Cromwell* could not be carried so secretly, but that he had notice of it; and the very next morning after he had so much lamented his desperate misfortune in having lost all reputation, and credit, and authority in the Army, and that his life would be in danger

if he were with it, when the House expected every minute his presence, they were inform'd that he was met out of the Town by break of day, with one Servant only, on the way to the Army; where he had appointed a Rendezvous of some Regiments of the Horse, and from whence he writ a Letter to the House of Commons, "That having the night before receiv'd a Letter from some Officers of his own Regiment, that the jealousy the Troops had conceiv'd of him, and of his want of kindness towards them, was much abated, so that they believ'd, if he would be quickly present with them, they would all in a short time by his advice be reclaim'd, upon this he had made all the haste he could; and did find that the Soldiers had been abused by misinformation; and that he hoped to discover the Fountain from whence it Sprung; and in the mean time desired that the General, and the other Officers in the House, and such as remain'd about the Town, might be presently sent to their Quarters; and that he believ'd it would be very necessary in order to the suppression of the late distempers, and for the prevention of the like for the time to come, that there might be a general Rendezvous of the Army; of which the General would best consider, when he came down; which he wish'd might be hasten'd. It was now to no purpose to discover what they had formerly intended, or that they had any jealousy of a Person who was out of their reach; and so they expected a better conjuncture; and in few days after, the General and the other Officers left the Town, and went to their Quarters.

THE same Morning that *Cromwell* left *London*, *Cornet Joyce*, who was one of the Agitators in the Army, a Taylor, a fellow who had two or three years before serv'd in a very inferior employment in *Mr Hollis's* House, came with a Squadron of fifty Horse to *Holmby*, where the King was, about the break of day; and without any interruption by the Guard of Horse or Foot which waited there, came with two or three more, and knock'd at the King's Chamber door, and said "He must presently speak with the King. His Majesty, surpris'd with the manner of it, rose out of his bed; and, half dress'd, caused the door to be open'd, which he knew otherwise would be quickly broken open; they who waited in the Chamber being Persons of whom he had little knowledge, and less confidence. Assoon as the door was open'd, *Joyce*, and two or three more, came into the Chamber, with their Hats off, and Pistols in their hands. *Joyce* told the King, "That he must go with him. His Majesty asked, "Whither? he answer'd, "To the Army. The King asked him, "Where the Army was? he said, "They would carry him to the Place where it was. His Majesty asked, "By what Authority

*Cornet Joyce*  
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the King at  
*Holmby*,  
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“thority they came? *Foyce* answer’d, “By this; and shew’d him his Pistol; and desir’d his Majesty, “That he would cause “himself to be dress’d, because it was necessary they should “make haste. None of the other Soldiers spoke a word; and *Foyce*, saving the bluntness, and positiveness of the few words he spoke, behaved himself not rudely. The King said, “He “could not stir before he spoke with the Committee to “whom he had been deliver’d, and who were truit by the “Parliament; and so appointed one of those who waited upon him to call them. The Committee had been as much surpris’d with the noise as the King had been, and quickly came to his Chamber, and asked *Foyce*, “Whether he had any “Orders from the Parliament? he said, No. “From the General? No. What Authority he came by? to which he made no other Answer, than he had made to the King, and held up his Pistol. They said, “They would write to the “Parliament to know their pleasure; *Foyce* said, “They might “do so, but the King must presently go with him. Colonel *Brown* had sent for some of the Troops who were appointed for the King’s Guard, but they came not; he spoke then with the Officer who Commanded those who were at that time upon the Guard, and found that they would make no resistance: so that after the King had made all the delays he conveniently could, without giving them cause to believe that he was resolv’d not to have gone, which had been to no purpose, and after he had broken his Fast, he went into his Coach, attended by the few Servants who were put about him, and went whither Cornet *Foyce* would Conduct him; there being no part of the Army known to be within twenty Miles of *Holmby* at that time; and that which administer’d most cause of apprehension, was, that those Officers who were of the Guard, declar’d “That the Squadron which was Com- “manded by *Foyce*, consisted not of Soldiers of any one Regiment, but were Men of several Troops, and several Regiments, drawn together under him, who was not the proper Officer; so that the King did in truth believe, that their purpose was to carry him to some place where they might more conveniently murder him. The Committee quickly gave notice to the Parliament of what had passed, with all the circumstances; and it was receiv’d with all imaginable consternation; nor could any Body imagine what the purpose and resolution was.

*The Committee give notice of it.*

*The General’s Account of it to the Parliament.*

NOR were they at the more ease, or in any degree pleas’d with the Account they receiv’d from the General himself; who by his Letter, inform’d them; “That the Soldiers at “*Holmby* had brought the King from thence; and that his “Majesty lay the next Night at Colonel *Montague*’s House,

“and



“ and would be the next day at *New-Market*; that the Ground  
 “ thereof was from an Apprehension of some strength ga-  
 “ ther’d to force the King from thence; whereupon he had  
 “ sent Colonel *Whaley’s* Regiment to meet the King. He pro-  
 “ fessed, “ That his remove was without his consent, or of the  
 “ Officers about him, or of the Body of the Army, and with-  
 “ out their desire, or privity: that he would take care for the  
 “ security of his Majesty’s Person from danger; and assured  
 the Parliament, “ That the whole Army endeavour’d Peace,  
 “ and were far from opposing Presbytery, or affecting In-  
 “ dependency, or from any purpose to maintain a Licentious  
 “ freedom in Religion, or the Interest of any particular Party,  
 “ but were resolv’d to leave the absolute determination of all  
 “ to the Parliament.

IT was upon the Third of *June* that the King was taken  
 from *Holmbury* by Cornet *Joyce*, well nigh a full year after  
 he had deliver’d himself to the *Scots* at *Newark*; in all which  
 time, the Army had been at leisure to contrive all ways to  
 free it self from the Servitude of the Parliament, whilst the  
 Presbyterians believ’d, that in spite of a few factious Inde-  
 pendent Officers, it was entirely at their Devotion, and could  
 never prove disobedient to their Commands; and those few  
 wise Men, who discern’d the foul designs of those Officers,  
 and by what degrees they stole the Hearts and Affections of  
 the Soldiers, had not credit enough to be believ’d by their  
 own Party. The joynt confidence of the unanimous Affection  
 of the City of *London* to all their purposes, made them despise  
 all opposition; but now, when they saw the King taken out  
 of their hands in this manner, and with these circumstances;  
 they found all their Measures broke by which they had form’d  
 all their Counsels. And as this Letter from the General ad-  
 minister’d too much cause of Jealousy of what was to succeed,  
 so a positive information about the same time by many Of-  
 ficers, confirm’d by a Letter which the Lord Mayor of *Lon-*  
*don* had receiv’d, that the whole Army was upon it’s march,  
 and would be in *London* the next day by noon, so distracted  
 them that they appear’d besides themselves: however, they  
 Voted, “ That the Houses should sit all the next day, being  
 “ *Sunday*; and that Mr *Marshall* should be there to pray for  
 “ them; That the Committee of Safety should sit up all that  
 “ Night to consider what was to be done: That the Lines of  
 “ Communication should be strongly Guarded, and all the  
 “ Train’d-bands of *London* should be drawn together upon  
 “ pain of death. All Shops were shut up, and such a general  
 Confusion over all the Town, and in the faces of all Men, as  
 if the Army had already enter’d the Town. The Parliament  
 writ a Letter to the General, desiring him, “ That no part of

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“the Army might come within five and twenty Miles of London; and that the King’s Person might be deliver’d to the former Commissioners, who had attended upon his Majesty at *Holmby*; and that Colonel *Roffiter*, and his Regiment, might be appointed for the Guard of his Person. The General return’d for Answer, “That the Army was come to *St Albans* before the desire of the Parliament came to his hands; but that, in Obedience to their Commands, he would advance no farther; and desir’d that a Month’s pay might presently be sent for the Army. In which they deserr’d not to gratify them; though as to the redelivery of the King to the former Commissioners, no other Answer was return’d, than “That they might rest assured, that all care should be taken for his Majesty’s security.

*The King brought to Newmarket; where He was allow’d his Chaplains by the Army.*

FROM that time both *Cromwell* and *Ireton* appear’d in the Council of Officers, which they had never before done; and their expostulations with the Parliament, begun to be more brisk, and contumacious than they had been. The King found himself at *Newmarket* attended by greater Troops and superior Officers; so that he was presently freed from any Subjection to Mr *Joyce*; which was no small satisfaction to him; and they who were about him appear’d Men of better Breeding than the former, and paid his Majesty all the respect imaginable, and seem’d to desire to please him in all things. All restraint was taken off from Persons resorting to him, and he saw every day the Faces of many who were grateful to him; and he no sooner desired that some of his Chaplains might have leave to attend upon him for his Devotion, but it was yielded to, and they who were named by him (who were Dr *Sheldon*, Dr *Morley*, Dr *Sanderfon*, and Dr *Hammond*) were presently sent, and gave their attendance, and perform’d their Function at the ordinary hours, in their accustomed Formalities; all persons who had a mind to it, being suffer’d to be present, to his Majesty’s infinite satisfaction; who begun to believe that the Army was not so much his Enemy as it was reported to be: and the Army had sent an Address to him full of protestation of Duty, and besought him “That he would be content, for some time, to reside among them, until the Affairs of the Kingdom were put into such a Posture as he might find all things to his own content, and security; which they infinitely desir’d to see as soon as might be; and to that purpose made daily instances to the Parliament. In the mean time his Majesty sat still, or remov’d to such places as were most convenient for the march of the Army; being in all places as well provided for, and accommodated, as he had used to be in any Progress; the best Gentlemen of the several Counties through

*His Majesty removes according to the marches of the Army.*

which

which he pass'd, daily resorted to him, without distinction; he was attended by some of his old Trusty Servants in the places nearest his Person; and that which gave him most encouragement to believe that they meant well, was, that in the Army's Address to the Parliament, they desir'd "That care might be taken for settling the King's Rights, according to the several Professions they had made in their Declarations; and that the Royal Party might be treated with more Candour, and less Rigour; and many good Officers who had serv'd his Majesty faithfully, were Civilly receiv'd by the Officers of the Army, and liv'd quietly in their Quarters; which they could not do any where else; which rais'd a great Reputation to the Army, throughout the Kingdom, and as much Reproach upon the Parliament.

THE Parliament at this time had recover'd its Spirit, when they saw the Army did not march nearer towards them, and not only stopp'd at *St Albans*, but was drawn back to a farther distance; which perswaded them, that their General was displeas'd with the former advance: and so they proceeded with all passion, and vigour, against those principal Officers, who, they knew, contriv'd all these Proceedings. They published Declarations to the Kingdom, "That they desir'd to bring the King in honour to his Parliament; which was their business from their beginning, and that he was detain'd Prisoner against his Will in the Army; and that they had great reason to apprehend the safety of his Person. The Army, on the other hand, declared "That his Majesty was neither Prisoner, nor detain'd against his Will; and appeal'd to his Majesty himself, and to all his Friends, who had liberty to repair to him, whether he had not more liberty, and was not treated with more respect, since he came into the Army than he had been at *Holmby*, or during the time he remain'd in those places, and with that retinue that the Parliament had appointed? The City seem'd very unanimously devoted to the Parliament, and incens'd against the Army; and seem'd resolute, not only with their train'd-bands and Auxiliary Regiments to assist, and defend the Parliament, but appointed some of the old Officers who had serv'd under the Earl of *Essex*, and had been disbanded under the new Model, as *Waller*, *Massey*, and others, to list new Forces; towards which there was not like to be want of Men out of their old Forces, and such of the King's as would be glad of the employment. There was nothing they did really fear so much, as that the Army would make a firm conjunction with the King, and unite with his Party, of which there was so much shew; and many unskilful Men, who wish'd it, bragg'd too much; and therefore the Parliament sent a Committee to his Majesty, with an

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Address of another Style than they had lately used, with many professions of Duty; and declaring, "That if he was not, in all respects, treated as he ought to be, and as he desired, it was not Their fault, who desired he might be at full Liberty and do what he would; hoping that the King would have been induced to desire to come to *London*, and to make Complaint of the Army's having taken him from *Holm* by which they believ'd the King's Party would be disabled, and withdraw their hopes of any good from the Army; and then, they thought, they should be hard enough for them.

THE King was in great doubt how to carry himself; he thought himself so barbarously used by the Presbyterians, and had so ill an opinion of all the principal Persons who govern'd them, that he had no mind to put himself into their hands. On the other side, he was far from being satisfied with the Army's good intentions towards him; and though many of his Friends were suffer'd to resort to him, they found that their being long about him, would not be acceptable; and though the Officers and Soldiers appear'd, for the most part, civil to him, they were all at least as vigilant, as the former Guards had been; so that he could not, without great difficulty, have got from them if he had desir'd it. *Fairfax* had been with him, and kiss'd his hand, and made such Professions as he could well utter; which was with no advantage in the delivery; his Authority was of no use, because he resign'd himself entirely to *Cromwell*; who had been, and *Iretton* likewise, with the King, without either of them offering to kiss his hand; otherwise, they behaved themselves with good manners towards him. His Majesty used all the Address he could towards them to draw some promise from them, but they were so reserv'd, and stood so much upon their Guard, and used so few words, that nothing could be concluded from what they said: they excused themselves "For not seeing his Majesty often, upon the great jealousies the Parliament had of them, towards whom they profess'd all fidelity. The Persons who resorted to his Majesty, and brought Advices from others who durst not yet offer to come themselves, brought several opinions to him; some thinking the Army would deal sincerely with his Majesty, others expecting no better from them than they afterwards perform'd: so that the King well concluded that he would neither reject the Parliament Addresses by any neglect, nor disoblige the Army by appearing to have jealousy of them, or desire to be out of their hands; which he could hardly have effected, if he had known a better place to have resorted to. So he desired both Parties "To hasten their Consultations, that the Kingdom might enjoy Peace and Happiness; in which he should not be without a share; and he would  
"pray

“pray to God to bring this to pass as soon as was possible.

THE News of the King's being in the Army, of his freedom in the exercise of his Religion, which he had been so long without, and that some of his Servants, with whom he was well pleased, had liberty to attend upon him, made every Body abroad, as well as those at home, hope well; and the King himself writ to the Queen, as if he thought his condition much better than it had been among the Scots. *S<sup>r</sup> John Berkley* after his Surrender of *Exeter*, and the spending his six Months allow'd by the Articles to sollicite his Affairs where he would, had Transported himself into *France*, and waited upon the Queen at *Paris*, being still a Menial Servant to her Majesty, and having a Friend in that Court that govern'd, and lov'd him better than any body else did. As soon as the reports came thither of the King's being with the Army, he repeated many Discourses he had held with the Officers of the Army, whilst they treated with him of the delivery of *Exeter*; how he had told them, “Upon how slippery ground they stood; that the Parliament, when they had serv'd their turn, would dismiss them with reproach, and give them very small rewards for the great Service they had done for them; that they should do well, seasonably to think of a safe retreat which could be no where but under the Protection of the King; who by their Courage was brought very low; and if they rais'd him again, he must owe it all to them; and his Posterity, as well as himself, and all his Party, must for ever acknowledge it; by which they would raise their Fortunes, as well as their Fame, to the greatest degree Men could aim at; which, he said, made such an impression upon this and that Officer, whom he named, that they told him at parting, that they “Should never forget what he had said to them; and that they already observ'd that every day produced somewhat that would put them in mind of it. In a word, “He had foretold all that was since come to pass, and he was most confident, that, if he were now with them, he should be welcome, and have Credit enough to bring them to reason, and to do the King great Service; and offer'd without any delay, to make the Journey. The Queen believ'd all he said; and they who did not, were very willing he should make the experiment; for he that lov'd him best, was very willing to be without him; and so receiving the Queen's Letter of Recommendation of him to the King, who knew him very little, and that little not without some prejudice, he left *Paris*, and made all possible haste into *England*. *John Ashburnham*, who was driven from the King by the Scots after he had Conducted his Majesty to them, had Transported himself into *France*, and was at this time residing

*Sir John Berkley sent from the Queen to the King.*

Mr Ashburnham comes from France to the King.

Sir John Berkley and Mr Ashburnham's Transactions with some Officers of the Army.

in *Roan*; having found, upon his Address to the Queen at *Paris* upon his first Arrival, that his abode in some other place would not be ungrateful to her Majesty, and so he removed to *Roan*; where he had the society of many who had serv'd the King in the most eminent Qualifications. When he heard where the King was, and that there was not the same restraint that had been formerly, he resolv'd to make an adventure to wait on him; having no reason to doubt but that his Presence would be very acceptable to the King; and though the other Envoy from *Paris*, and He, did not make their Journey into *England* together, nor had the least Communication with each other, being in truth of several Parties and Purposes, yet they Arriv'd there, and at the Army, near the same time.

BERKLEY first applied himself to those subordinate Officers with whom he had some acquaintance at *Exeter*, and they informing their Superiors of his Arrival, and Application, they were well pleas'd that he was come. They were well acquainted with his Talent, and knew his Foible, that, by flattering and commending, they might govern him; and that there was no danger of any deep design from his contrivance; and so they permitted him freely to attend the King, about whose Person he had no title or Relation, which requir'd any constant waiting upon him.

ASHBURNHAM had, by some Friends, a recommendation both to *Cromwell*, and *Ireton*, who knew the Credit he had with the King, and that his Majesty would be very well pleas'd to have his attendance, and look upon it as a Testimony of their respect to him. They knew likewise that he was an implacable Enemy to the *Scots*, and no Friend to the other Presbyterians, and though he had some ordinary craft in insinuating, he was of no deep and piercing Judgment to discover what was not unwarily expos'd, and a free Speaker of what he imagin'd: So they likewise left him at liberty to repair to the King; and these two Gentlemen came near about the same time to his Majesty, when the Army was drawing together, with a purpose, which was not yet publish'd, of marching to *London*; his Majesty being still Quarter'd in those places which were more proper for that purpose.

THEY were both welcome to his Majesty, the one bringing a special recommendation from the Queen, and to make himself the more valuable, assuring his Majesty "That he was sent for by the Officers of the Army, as one they would trust, and that they had receiv'd him with open Armes; and, without any scruple, gave him leave to wait upon him: The other, needed no recommendation, the King's own inclinations disposing him to be very gracious to him; and so his Majesty wish'd them "To correspond with each other, and

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“to converse with his several Friends, who did not yet think  
 “fit to resort to him; and to receive their advice; to discover  
 “as much as they could of the Intentions of both Parties, and  
 “impart what was fit to the King, till, upon a farther disco-  
 “very, his Majesty might better judge what to do. These  
 two were the principal Agents (they conferring with all his  
 Majesty’s Friends, and, as often as they desir’d, with the Of-  
 ficers of the Army) upon whose Information, and Advice,  
 his Majesty principally depended, though they rarely confer-  
 r’d together with the same Persons, and never with any of  
 the Officers, who pretended not to trust one another enough  
 to speak with that freedom before each other, as they would  
 to one of them; and their acquaintance among the Officers  
 not being principally with the same Men, their Informations  
 and Advices were often very different, and more perplexed  
 than inform’d his Majesty.

THE very high Contests between the Parliament and the Army, in which neither side could be perswaded to yield to the other, or abate any of their asperity, made many Prudent Men believe that both sides would, in the end, be willing to make the King the Umpire; which neither of them ever intended to do. The Parliament thought that their Name and Authority, which had carried them through so great undertakings, and reduced the whole Kingdom to their Obedience, could not be overpower’d by their own Army, raised and paid by themselves, and to whose Dictates the People would never submit. They thought the King’s Presence amongst them, gave them all their present Reputation; and were not without apprehension that the Ambition of some of the Officers, and their Malice to the Parliament, when they saw that they could obtain their ends no other way, might dispose them to an entire Conjunction with the King’s Party and Interest; and then, all the Penalties of Treason, Rebellion, and Trespases, must be discharged at their costs; and therefore they labour’d by all the publick and private means they could, to perswade the King to own his being detain’d Prisoner by the Army against his Will, or to withdraw himself by some way from them, and repair to *White-Hall*; and, in either of those Cases, they did not doubt, first, to divide the Army (for they still believ’d the General fast to them) and by degrees to bring them to reason, and to be disbanded, as many as were not necessary for the Service of *Ireland*; and then, having the King to themselves, and all his Party being obnoxious to those penalties for their Delinquency, they should be well able, by gratifying some of the greatest Persons of the Nobility with Immunity and Indemnity, to settle the Government in such a manner, as to be well recom-

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penfed for all the Adventures they had made, and hazards they had run.

ON the other hand, the Army had no dread of the Authority and Power of the Parliament; which they knew had been fo far prostituted, that it had loft moft of its Reverence with the People. But it had great apprehenfion, that, by its conjunction with the City, it might indeed recover Credit with the Kingdom, and withhold the pay of the Army, and thereby make fome divifion amongft them; and if the Perfon of the King fhould be likewise with them, and thereby his Party fhould likewise joyn with them, they fhould be to begin their work again, or to make their Peace with thofe who were as much provoked by them as the King himfelf had been. And therefore they were fenfible that they enjoy'd a prefent benefit by the King's being with them, and by their treating him with the outward refpect that was due to his Majefty, and the civilities they made profefion of towards all his Party, and the permiffion of his Chaplains, and other Servants, to refort to him; and cultivated all thefe Artifices with great Addrefs, fuppreffing, or difcountenancing the Tyranny of the Presbyterians in the Country Committees, and all other places, where they exercifed notable rigour againft all who had been of the King's Party, or not enough of theirs (for Neuters found no excufe for being of no Party) when they found it fit to make any lufty Declaration againft the Parliament, and exclaim againft their Tyrannical proceedings againft the Army, they always inferted fomewhat that might look like Candour and Tendernefs towards the King's Party, complain'd of "The Affront, and Indignity done to the Army by the Parliament's not obferving the Articles which had been made upon Surrender of Garrifons, but proceeding againft thofe on whose behalf thofe Articles were made, with more feverity than was agreeable to juftice, and to the intention of the Articles; whereby the Honour and Faith of the Army fuffer'd, and was complain'd of; all which, they faid, they would have remedied. Whereupon many hoped that they fhould be excufed from making any Compositions, and entertain'd fuch other imaginations as pleas'd themfelves, and the other Party well liked; knowing they could demolifh all thofe Structures asfoon as they receiv'd no benefit by themfelves.

THE King had, during the time he ftay'd at *Holmby*, writ to the Houfe of Peers, that his Children might have leave to come to him, and to refide for fome time with him. From the time that *Oxford* had been Surrender'd, upon which the Duke of *York* had fallen into their hands, for they would by no means admit that he fhould have liberty to go to fuch place



place as the King should direct, which was very earnestly pressed, and insisted on by the Lords of the Council there, as long as they could; but appointed their Committee to receive him with all respect, and to bring him to *London*; from that time, I say, the Duke of *York* was committed to the care of the Earl of *Northumberland*, together with the Duke of *Glocester*, and the Princess, who had been by the King left under the Tutorage of the Countess of *Dorset*, but from the death of that Countess the Parliament had presumed, that they might be sure to keep them in their power, to put them into the custody of the Lady *Vere*, an old Lady much in their favour, but not at all Ambitious of that Charge, though there was a competent Allowance assign'd for their support. They were now remov'd from her, and placed all together with the Earl of *Northumberland*, who receiv'd, and treated them, in all respects, as was suitable to their Birth, and his own Duty; but could give them no more liberty to go abroad, than he was, in his Instructions from the Parliament, permitted to do; and they had absolutely refused to gratify the King in that particular; of which his Majesty no sooner took notice to *Fairfax*, than he writ a Letter to the Parliament, "That the King much desir'd to have the sight and company of his Children; and that if they might not be allow'd to be longer with him, that at least they might dine with him; and he sent them word that, on such a day, "The King, who attend- ed the motion of the Army, and was Quarter'd only where "they pleased, would dine at *Maidenhead*. There his Children met him, to his infinite content and joy; and he being to Quarter and stay some time at *Caversham*, a House of the Lord *Craven's*, near *Reading*, his Children were likewise suffer'd to go thither, and remain'd with him two days; which was the greatest satisfaction the King could receive; and the receiving whereof, he imputed to the Civility of the General, and the good disposition of the Army; which made so much the more impression upon him, in that he had never made any one Proposition in which he had been gratified, where the Presbyterian Spirit had power to deny it.

*The King allow'd to see his Children at Maidenhead and Caversham.*

IN the House of Commons, which was now the Scene of all the Action that displeas'd and incens'd the Army (for the House of Peers was shrunk into so inconsiderable a Number, and their Persons not considerable after the Death of the Earl of *Essex*, except those who were affected to, or might be dispos'd by the Army) they were wholly guided by *Hollis*, and *Stapleton*, *Lewis*, and *Glyn*, who had been very Popular and Notorious from the beginning, and by *Waller*, and *Masse*, and *Brown*, who had Serv'd in Commands in the Army, and perform'd at some times very signal Service, and were exceedingly

ingly beloved in the City, and two or three others who follow'd their Dictates, and were subservient to their Directions. These were all Men of Parts, Interest, and signal Courage, and did not only heartily abhor the intentions which they discern'd the Army to have, and that it was wholly to be dispos'd according to the designs of *Cromwell*, but he likewise declared Animosities against the Persons of the most active and powerful Officers; as *Hollis* had one day, upon a very hot debate in the House, and some rude expressions which fell from *Ireton*, perswaded him to walk out of the House with him, and then told him, "That he should presently go over the Water and Fight with him. *Ireton* replying, "His Conscience would not suffer him to fight a Duel. *Hollis*, in choler, pulled him by the Nose; telling him, "If "his Conscience would keep him from giving Men satisfaction, it should keep him from provoking them. This affront to the third Person of the Army, and to a Man of the most Virulent, Malicious, and Revengeful Nature of all the Pack, so incens'd the whole Party, that they were resolv'd one way or other to be rid of him, who had that power in the House, and that Reputation abroad, that when he could not absolutely controle their designs, he did so obstruct them, that they could not advance to any conclusion.

THEY resorted therefore to an expedient, which, they had observ'd, by the Conduct of those very Men against whom they meant to apply it, had brought to pass all that they desired; and in the Council of Officers, prepared an impeachment of High Treason in general Terms against Mr *Hollis*, and the Persons mention'd before, and others, to the number of eleven Members of the House of Commons. This impeachment twelve Officers of the Army, Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Majors, and Captains, presented to the House; and within few days after, when they saw the same Members still inveigh against and arraign their proceedings, the General and Officers writ a Letter to the House, "That they would "appoint fit Persons on their and the Kingdom's behalf, to "make good the charge against those Members whom they "had accused; and that they desir'd, that those Members impeach'd might be forthwith suspended from sitting in the "House, since it could not be thought fit that the same Persons who had so much injured and provoked the Army, "should sit Judges of their own Actions. This was an Arrow that the House of Commons did not expect would have been shot out of that Quiver; and though they were unspeakably dismay'd, and distracted with this presumption, they answer'd positively, "That they neither would, nor could, sequester "those Members from the House, who had never said, or "done

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“ done any thing in the House worthy of Censure, till proof  
 “ were made of such particulars as might render them guilty.  
 But the Officers of the Army reply'd, “ That they could prove  
 “ them guilty of such practices in the House, that it would  
 “ be just in the House to suspend them: that by the Laws of  
 “ the Land, and the Precedents of Parliament, the Lords had  
 “ upon the very presentation of a general Accusation without  
 “ being reduced in form, sequester'd from their House and  
 “ committed the Earl of *Strafford*, and the Arch-Bishop of  
 “ *Canterbury*; and therefore they must press, and insist upon  
 “ the suspending at least of those accused Members from be-  
 “ ing present in the House, where they stood impeach'd; and  
 “ without this, they said, the Army would not be satisfied.  
 However the House of Commons seem'd still resolute, the  
 accused Members themselves, who best knew their temper,  
 thought it safer for them to retire, and by forbearing to appear  
 in the House, to allay the heat of the present Contest.

UPON this so palpable Declension of Spirit in the House,  
 the Army seem'd much quieter, and resolv'd to set other A-  
 gents on their work, that they might not appear too busy and  
 active in their own concernment. It is very true that the  
 City, upon whose influence the Parliament much depended,  
 appear'd now entirely Presbyterian; the Court of Aldermen,  
 and Common Council, consisted chiefly of Men of that Spi-  
 rit; the Militia of the City was committed to Commissioners  
 carefully and factiously chosen of that Party; all those of an-  
 other temper having been put out of those Trusts, at or about  
 the time that the King was deliver'd up by the *Scots*, when the  
 Officers of the Army were content that the Presbyterians  
 should believe, that the whole power of the Kingdom was in  
 them; and that they might settle what Government they  
 pleas'd: if there remain'd any Persons in any of those im-  
 ployments in the City, it was by their dissimulation, and pre-  
 tending to have other Affections; most of those who were  
 notorious to be of any other Faction in Religion, had been  
 put out; and liv'd as neglected and discountenanced Men;  
 who seem'd rather to depend upon the Clemency, and Indul-  
 gence of the State, for their particular liberty in the exercise  
 of that Religion they adhered to, than to have any hope or  
 ambition to be again admitted into any share, or part in the  
 Government: yet, after all this dissimulation, *Cromwell* and  
*Ireton* well knew, that the multitude of inferior People were  
 at their disposal, and would appear in any conjuncture they  
 should think convenient; and that many Aldermen and sub-  
 stantial Citizens were quiet, and appear'd not to contradict or  
 oppose the Presbyterians, only by their directions; and would  
 be ready upon their call. And now, when they saw those

*The temper  
 of the City  
 and the  
 Changes of  
 their Militia  
 at this times*

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leading Men, who had govern'd the Parliament, prosecuted by the Army, and that they forbore to come to the House, there flock'd together great Numbers of the lowest, and most inferior People, to the Parliament, with Petitions of several Natures, both with reference to Religion, and to the Civil Government; with the noise and clamour whereof, the Parliament was so offended and disturbed, that they made an Ordinance, "That it should be Criminal to gather, and solicit the Subscriptions of hands to Petitions. But this Order so offended all parties, that they were compell'd, within two days, to revoke it, and to leave all Men to their natural Liberty. Whilst this Confusion was in the City and Parliament, the Commissioners, which had been sent to the Army to treat with the Officers, had no better success; but return'd with the positive and declared Resolution of the Army, "That "a Declaration should be publish'd by the Parliament against "the coming in of Forreign Force: for they apprehended, or rather were willing that the People should apprehend, a new Combination by the *Scots*: "That the pay of the Army should "be put into a constant Course, and all Persons who had received Money, should be called to an account: That the Militia of *London* should be put into the hands of Persons well "affected, and those who had been formerly trusted: that all "Persons imprison'd for pretended Misdemeanours, by Order "of Parliament, or their Committees, might be set at Liberty; and, if upon tryal they should be found Innocent, "that they might have good Reparation. And they particularly mention'd *John Lilburn*, *Overton*, and other Anabaptists and Fanaticks, who had been committed by the Parliament for many Seditious Meetings, under pretence of Exercise of their Religion, and many insolent Actions against the Government. Upon the report of these demands, the Parliament grew more enraged; and Voted, "That the yielding to "the Army in these particulars, would be against their Honour, and their Interest, and destructive to their Privileges; with many expressions against their presumption, and insolence: yet, when a new Rabble of Petitioners demanded, with loud Cries, most of the same things, they were willing to compound with them; and consented, that the Militia of the City of *London* should be put into such hands as the Army should desire.

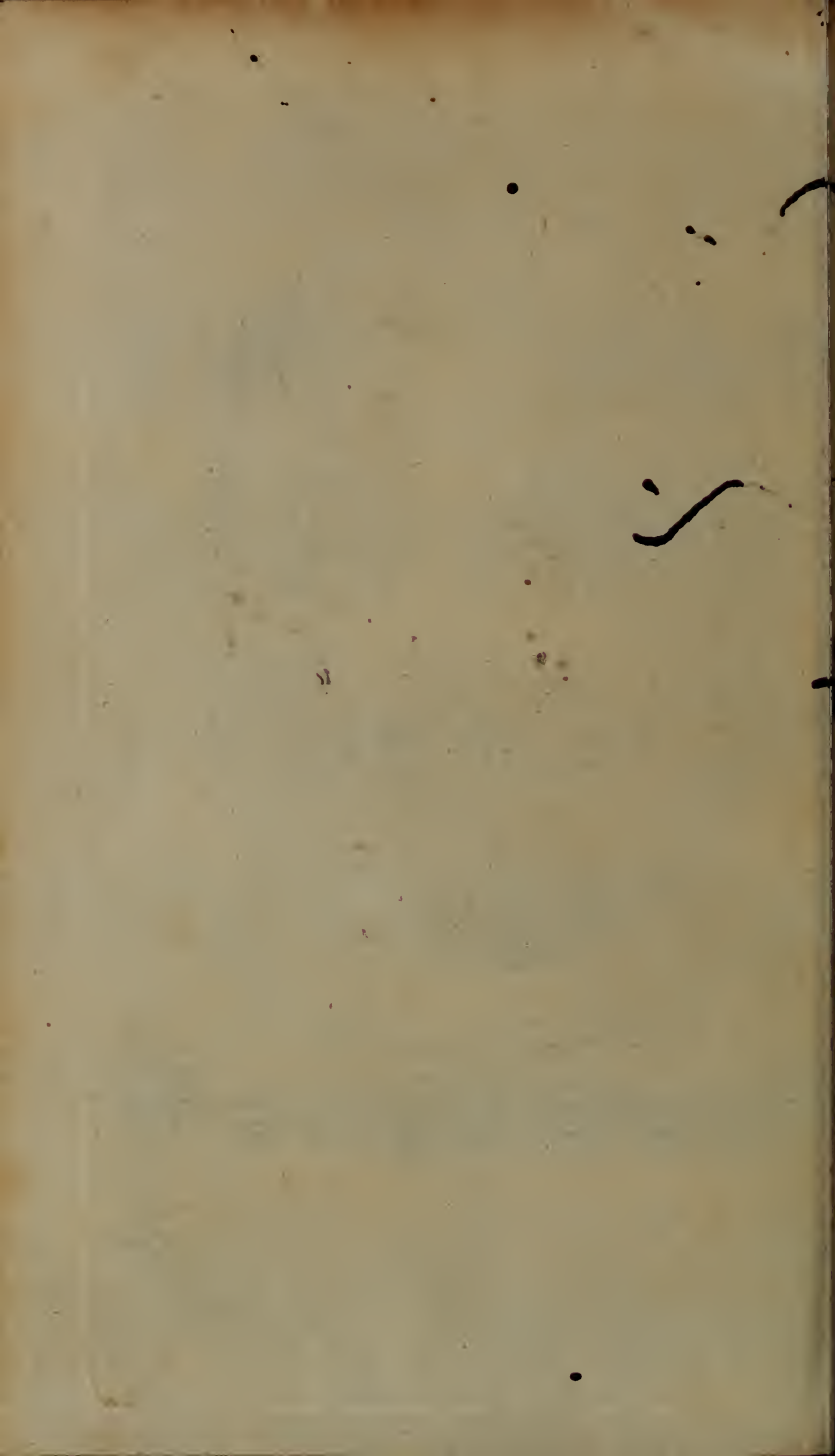
THE Militia of the City had been in the beginning of *May*, shortly after the King's being brought to *Holmby*, settled with the consent, and upon the desire, of the Common Council, by Ordinance of Parliament, in the hands of Commissioners, who were generally of the Presbyterian Party, they who were of other inclinations being remov'd; and, as



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is said before, seem'd not displeas'd at their disgrace; and now, when upon the Declaration and Demands of the Army, seconded by clamorous Petitions, they saw this Ordinance reversed, in *July*, without so much as consulting with the Common Council according to custom, the City was exceedingly startled; and said, "That if the Imperious Command of the Army, could prevail with the Parliament to reverse such an Ordinance as that of the Militia, they had reason to apprehend they might as well repeal the other Ordinances for the security of Money, or for the purchase of Bishops and Church Lands, or whatsoever else that was the proper security of the Subject. And therefore they caused a Petition to be prepared in the name of the City, to be presented by the two Sheriffs, and others deputed by the Common Council to that purpose. But, before they were ready, many thousands Apprentices and young Citizens, brought Petitions to the Parliament; in which they said, "That the Command of the Militia of the City was the Birth-right of the City, and belonged to them by several Charters which had been confirm'd in Parliament; for defence whereof, they said they had ventur'd their Lives as far and as frankly as the Army had done; and therefore, they desir'd that the Ordinance of Parliament of the fourth of *May*, which had passed with their consent, might stand inviolable. They first presented their Petition to the House of Peers, who immediately revoked their late Ordinance of *July*, and confirm'd their former of *May*; and sent it down to the Commons for their consent; who durst not deny their concurrence, the Apprentices behaving themselves so insolently, that they would scarce suffer the door of the House of Commons to be shut; and some of them went into the House.

*A tumultuous Petition of Apprentices, and others, to both Houses concerning their Militia.*

AND in this manner the Ordinance was reversed that had been made at the desire of the Army, and the other of *May* ratified and confirm'd; which was no sooner done than the Parliament adjourn'd till *Friday*, that they might have two or three days to consider how they should behave themselves, and prevent the like violences hereafter. The Army had quickly notice of these extraordinary proceedings, and the General writ a very sharp Letter to the Parliament from *Bedford*; in which he put them in mind, "How civilly the Army had complied with their desire, by removing to a greater distance, upon presumption that their own Authority would have been able to have secured them from any rudeness, and violence of the People; which it was now evident it could not do, by the unparall'd violation of all their Privileges, on the *Monday* before, by a Multitude from the City, which had been encouraged by several Common Council

*Upon this the General writ a very sharp Letter to the Parliament.*

"Men

“ Men, and other Citizers in Authority ; which was an Act  
 “ so prodigious and horrid as must dissolve all Government  
 “ if not severely and exemplarily chastised : that the Army  
 “ looked upon themselves as accountable to the Kingdom, if  
 “ this unheard of outrage, by which the Peace and Settlement  
 “ of the Nation, and the relief of *Ireland*, had been so noto-  
 “ riously interrupted, should not be strictly examined, and  
 “ justice speedily done upon the Offenders. Upon *Friday*, to  
 which both Houses had adjourn'd, the Members came to-  
 gether, in as full Numbers as they had used to meet, there be-  
 ing above one hundred and forty of the House of Commons ;  
 but, after they had sat some time in expectation of their  
 Speaker, they were inform'd that he was gone out of the  
 Town early that Morning ; and they observ'd that *St Henry*  
*Vane*, and some few other Members who used to concur with  
 him, were likewise absent. The House of Peers found like-  
 wise that the Earl of *Manchester*, their Speaker, had withdrawn  
 himself, together with the Earl of *Northumberland*, and some  
 other Lords ; but the Major part still remain'd there, full of  
 Indignation against those who were absent, and who they all  
 concluded were gone to the Army. Hereupon both Houses  
 chose new Speakers ; who accepted the Office ; and the Com-  
 mons presently voted, “ That the eleven Members who stood  
 “ impeach'd by the Army, and had discontinued coming to  
 “ the House, should presently appear, and take their places.  
 They made an Ordinance of Parliament, by which a Com-  
 mittee of safety was appointed to joyn with the City Militia,  
 and had Authority to raise Men for the defence of the Parlia-  
 ment ; which they appear'd so vigorously resolv'd on, that no  
 Man in the Houses, or in the City, seem'd to intend any thing  
 else. The News of this roused up the Army, and the Ge-  
 neral presently sent a good Party of Horse into *Windsor*, and  
 marched himself to *Uxbridge*, and appointed a general Ren-  
 dezvous for the whole Army upon *Hounslow* Heath, within  
 two days ; when and where there appear'd twenty thousand  
 Foot and Horse, with a Train of Artillery, and all other  
 provisions proportionable to such an Army.

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Rendezvous  
of the Army  
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*Hounslow*  
Heath, and  
the King re-  
moved to  
*Hampton*  
Court.

AS SOON as the Rendezvous was appointed at *Hounslow*  
 Heath, at the same time the King removed to *Hampton*  
 Court ; which was prepared, and put into as good order for  
 his reception, as could have been done in the best time. The  
 House seem'd for some time to retain their Spirit and Vigour,  
 and the City talked of lifting Men, and defending themselves,  
 and not suffering the Army to approach nearer to them ; but,  
 when they knew the day of the Rendezvous, those in both  
 Houses who had been too weak to carry any thing, and so had  
 look'd on whilst such Votes were pass'd as they liked not and  
 could



ould not oppose, now when their Friend the Army was so near, recover'd their Spirits, and talk'd very loud; and persuaded the rest, "To think in time of making their peace with the Army, that could not be withstood. And the City saw every day more appall'd, irresolute, and confounded, one Man proposing this, and another somewhat contrary to that, like Men amazed and distracted. When the Army met upon *Hounslow* Heath at their Rendezvous, the Speakers of both Houses, who had privately before met with the Chief Officers of the Army, appear'd there with their Maces, and such other Members as accompanied them; complaining to the General, "That they had not freedom at *Westminster*, but were in danger of their lives by the Tumults; and appealed to the Army for their protection.

*Both Speakers, and the other Members, appear in the Army on Hounslow Heath.*

THIS looked like a new Act of Providence to vindicate the Army from all reproaches, and to justify them in all they had done, as absolutely done for the preservation of the Parliament and Kingdom. If this had been a retreat of *Sr Harry Vane* and some other discontented Men, who were known to be Independents, and Fanaticks in their opinions in Religion, and of the Army-faction, who being no longer able to oppose the wisdom of the Parliament, had fled to their Friends for protection from Justice, they would have got no reputation, nor the Army been thought the better of for their Company; but neither of the Speakers were ever look'd upon as inclined to the Army; *Lenthall* was generally believ'd to have no malice towards the King, and not to be without good inclinations to the Church; and the Earl of *Manchester*, who as Speaker of the House of Peers, was known to have all the prejudice imaginable against *Cromwell*; and had formerly excused him of want of Duty to the Parliament; and the other hated him above all Men, and desired to have taken away his Life. The Earl of *Manchester*, and the Earl of *Warwick*, were the two Pillars of the Presbyterian Party; and that they two, with the Earl of *Northumberland*, and some other of the Lords, and some of the Commons, who had appear'd to disapprove all the proceedings of the Army, should now joyn with *Sr Harry Vane*, and Appeal to the Army for protection, with that formality as if they had brought the whole Parliament with them, and had been entirely driven and forced away by the City, appear'd to every stander by so stupendious a thing, that it is not to this day understood otherwise, than that they were resolv'd to have their particular shares in the Treaty, which they believ'd the Chief Officers of the Army to have near concluded with the King. For that they never intended to put the whole power into the hands of the Army, nor had any kindness to, or confidence in

in the Officers thereof, was very apparent by their carriage and behaviour after, as well as before; and if they had continued together, considering how much the City was devoted to them, it is probable that the Army would not have used any force; which might have receiv'd a fatal repulse; but the some good Compromise might have been made by the Interposition of the King. But this Schism carried all the Reputation and Authority to the Army, and left none in the Parliament; for though it presently appear'd, that the Number of those who left the Houses was small in comparison of those who remain'd behind, and who proceeded with the same Vigour in declaring against the Army, and the City seem'd as resolute in putting themselves into a posture, and preparing for their defence, all their Works and Fortifications being still entire, so that they might have put the Army to great trouble if they had steadily pursued their Resolutions (which they did not yet seem in any degree to decline) yet this rent made all the accused Members, who were the Men of parts, and reputation to conduct their Counsels, to withdraw themselves upon the astonishment; some concealing themselves, till they had opportunity to make their Peace, and others withdrawing and transporting themselves beyond the Seas, where *Stapleton* died at *Calais* as soon as he Landed; and was denied Burial, upon imagination that he had died of the Plague; others remain'd a long time beyond the Seas; and, though they long after return'd, never were receiv'd into any trust in those times, nor in truth concurr'd, or acted in the publick Affairs, but retired to their own Estates, and liv'd very privately.

THE Chief Officers of the Army receiv'd the two Speakers, and the Members who accompanied them, as so many Angels sent from Heaven for their good; paid them all the respect imaginable, and profess'd all submission to them, as to the Parliament of *England*; and declar'd "That they would re-establish them in their full power, or perish in the attempt." They took very particular care for their accomodations, before the General; and assign'd a Guard to wait upon them for their security; acquainted them with all their consultations; and would not presume to resolve any thing without their approbation, and they had too much modesty to think they could do amiss, who had prosper'd so much in all their undertakings. No time was lost in pursuing their Resolution to establish the Parliament again at *Westminster*; and finding that the rest of the Members continued still to sit there with the same Formality, and that the City did not abate any of their Spirit, they seem'd to make a halt, and to remain quiet, in expectation of a better understanding between them, upon the

Messages

Messages they every day sent to the Lord Mayor, and Aldermen, and Common Council (for of those at *Westminster* they took no notice) and Quarter'd their Army about *Brentford*, and *Hounslow*, *Twickenham*, and the adjacent Villages, without restraining any Provisions, which every day according to custom were carried to *London*; or doing the least Action that might disoblige, or displease the City; the Army being in truth under so excellent discipline, that no body could complain of any damage sustain'd by them, or any provocation by word or deed. However, in this calm, they sent over Colonel *Rainsborough* with a Brigade of Horse and Foot, and Cannon, at *Hampton Court*, to possess *Southwark*, and those works which secured that end of *London Bridge*; which he did with so little Noise, that in one Night's March, he found himself Master without any opposition, not only of the Burrough of *Southwark*, but of all the Works and Forts which were to defend it; the Soldiers within, shaking hands with those without, and refusing to obey their Officers which were to Command them: So that the City, without knowing that any such thing was in agitation, found in the Morning that all that Avenue to the Town was possessed by the Enemy; whom they were providing to resist on the other side, being as confident of this that they had lost, as of any Gate of the City.

THIS struck them dead; and put an end to all their Consultation for defence; and put other thoughts into their heads; how they might pacify those whom they had so much offended, and provoked; and how they might preserve their City from Plunder, and the fury of an enraged Army. They who had ever been of the Army party, and of late had shut themselves up, and not dared to walk the Streets for fear of the People, came now confidently amongst them, and mingled in their Councils; declared, "That the King and the Army were now agreed in all particulars, and that both Houses were now with the Army, and had presented themselves to the King; so that to oppose the Army would be to oppose the King and Parliament, and to incense them as much as the Army. Upon such confident discourses and insinuations from those with whom they would not have conversed, or given the least credit to, three days before, or rather upon the confusion and general distraction they were in, they sent six Aldermen and six Commoners to the General; who lamented and complain'd, "That the City should be suspected, that had never acted any thing against the Parliament; and therefore, they desired him to forbear doing any thing that might be the occasion of a new War. But the general little consider'd this Message, and gave less countenance to the Messengers; but continued his slow marches towards the City:

*The City sends six Aldermen to the General, and submits.*

whereupon they sent an humble Message to him, "That since  
 "they understood that the reason of his march so near *London*  
 "was to restore, and settle the Members (the Lords and Com-  
 "mons) of Parliament to the Liberty and Privilege of sitting  
 "securely in their severall Houses (to which the City would  
 "contribute all their power, and service) they prayed him,  
 "with all submission, that he would be pleased to send such a  
 "Guard of Horse and Foot as he thought to be sufficient for  
 "that purpose; and that the Ports and all Passages should be  
 "open to them; and they should do any thing else that his  
 "excellency would Command. To which, he made no other  
 Answer but "That he would have all the Forts of the West  
 "side of the City to be deliver'd immediately to him; those  
 of the other side being already, as is said, in the hands of  
*Rainsborough* and his other Officers. The Common Council,  
 that sate Day and Night, upon the receipt of this Message,  
 without any pause return'd "That they would humbly sub-  
 "mit to his Command; and that now, under Almighty God,  
 "they did rely only upon his Excellency's honourable Word  
 "for their protection, and security. And so they caused their  
 Militia to be forthwith drawn off from the Line, as well as  
 out of the Forts, with all their Cannon and Ordinance; and  
 the General appointed a better Guard to both. At *Hyde-Parke*  
 the Mayor and Aldermen met him, and humbly congratulated  
 his arrival; and besought him "To excuse what they had,  
 "out of their good meaning and desire of Peace, done amiss;  
 and as a Testimony of their Affection and Duty, the Mayor,  
 on the behalf of the City, presented a great gold Cup to the  
 General; which he sullenly refus'd to receive, and, with very  
 little Ceremony, dismissed them.

The General  
 conducts the  
 two Speakers  
 and other  
 Members to  
 their severall  
 Houses of  
 Parliament.

HE himself waited upon the two Speakers, and conducted  
 them, and their Members to the severall Houses, where the  
 other Members were then sitting: even in the Instant when  
 the Revolters, as they had called them, enter'd into the Houses,  
 the old Speakers, assumed their places again, and enter'd upon  
 their business as if there had been no separation. The first  
 thing they did, was calling in the General into both Houses,  
 and making him a large acknowledgment in the name of  
 each House, of the great favours he had done to them; they  
 thanked him "For the Protection he had given to their Per-  
 "sons, and his Vindication of the Priviledges of Parliament.  
 Then they voted "All that had been done by themselves in  
 "going to the Army, and in residing there, and all that had  
 "been done by the Army, to be well and lawfully done; as  
 some time after, they also voted, That all that had been done  
 "in the Houses since their departure, was against Law, and  
 "Priviledge of Parliament, invalid and void: Then they ad-  
 "ourn'd

journal'd to the next day, without questioning or punishing any Member who had acted there.

THE Army of Horse, Foot, and Cannon, marched the next day through the City (which, upon the desire of the Parliament, undertook forthwith to supply an hundred thousand Pounds for the payment of the Army) without the least disorder, or doing the least damage to any Person, or giving any disrespectful word to any Man: by which they attained the reputation of being in excellent Discipline, and that both Officers and Soldiers were Men of extraordinary temper and sobriety. So they marched over *London Bridge* into *Southwark*, and to those Quarters to which they were assign'd; some Regiments were Quarter'd in *Westminster*, the *Strand*, and *Holborn*, under pretence of being a Guard to the Parliament, but intended as a Guard upon the City. The General's head Quarters were at *Chelsey*; and the rest of the Army Quarter'd between *Hampton Court* and *London*, that the King might be well look'd to; and the Council of Officers, and Agitators, sat constantly, and formally, at *Fulham*, and *Putney*; to provide that no other settlement should be made for the Government of the Kingdom than what they should well approve.

*The Army marches through the City, and Quarters about it;*

WHILST these things were thus agitated between the Army and the Parliament and the City, the King enjoyed himself at *Hampton Court*, much more to his content than he had of late; the respects of the Chief Officers of the Army seeming much greater than they had been; *Cromwell* himself came oftner to him, and had longer conferences with him; talked with more openness to *Mr Ashburnham* than he had done, and appear'd more cheerful. Persons of all conditions repaired to his Majesty of those who had serv'd him; with whom he conferr'd without reservation; and the Citizens flocked thither as they had used to do at the end of a Progress, when the King had been some Months absent from *London*: but that which pleased his Majesty most, was, that his Children were permitted to come to him, in whom he took great delight. They were all at the Earl of *Northumberland's* House, at *Sion*, from the time the King came to *Hampton Court*, and had liberty to attend his Majesty when he pleased; so that sometimes he sent for them to come to *Hampton Court*, and sometimes he went to them to *Sion*; which gave him great satisfaction.

*The King at Hampton Court.*

IN this conversation, as if his Majesty had foreseen all that befel him afterwards, and which at that time sure he did not suspect, he took great care to instruct his Children how to behave themselves if the worst should befall him that the worst of his Enemies did contrive, or wish; and "That they should

*The King's discourse and conversation with his Children that were in the Parliament's power.*

“ preserve unshaken their Affection and Duty to the Prince  
 “ their Brother. The Duke of *York* was then about fourteen  
 years of Age; and so capable of any information or instru-  
 ction the King thought fit to give him. His Majesty told  
 him, “ That he looked upon himself as in the hands and dis-  
 “ posal of the Army, and that the Parliament had no more  
 “ power to do him good or harm, than as the Army should  
 “ direct or permit; and that he knew not, in all this time he  
 “ had been with them, what he might promise himself from  
 “ those Officers of the Army at whose devotion it was: that  
 “ he hoped well, yet with much doubt and fear; and there-  
 “ fore he gave him this general direction, and command,  
 “ that if there appear’d any such alteration in the affection of  
 “ the Army, that they restrain’d him from the liberty he then  
 “ enjoy’d of seeing his Children, or suffer’d not his Friends to  
 “ resort to him with that freedom that they enjoyed at pre-  
 “ sent, he might conclude they would shortly use him worse,  
 “ and that he should not be long out of a Prison; and there-  
 “ fore that from the time he discover’d such an alteration, he  
 “ should bethink himself how he might make an escape out  
 “ of their Power, and Transport himself beyond the Seas.  
 The place he recommended to him, was *Holland*; where he  
 presum’d his Sister would receive him very kindly, and that  
 the Prince of *Orange* her Husband would be well pleased with  
 it, though, possibly, the States might restrain him from mak-  
 ing those Expressions of his Affection, his own inclination  
 prompted him to. He wished him to think always of this, as  
 a thing possible to fall out, and so spake frequently to him of  
 it, and of the circumstances and cautions which were neces-  
 sary to attend it.

THE Princess *Elizabeth* was not above a year or two  
 younger than the Duke, a Lady of excellent Parts, great Ob-  
 servation, and an early Understanding; which the King dis-  
 cern’d, by the Account she gave him both of Things and Per-  
 sons, upon the experience she had had of both. His Majesty  
 enjoyn’d her, “ Upon the worst that could befall him, never  
 “ to be disposed of in Marriage without the consent and ap-  
 “ probation of the Queen her Mother, and the Prince her  
 “ Brother; and always to perform all Duty and Obedience to  
 “ both those; and to Obey the Queen in all things, except in  
 “ matter of Religion; in which he commanded her, upon his  
 “ Blessing, never to hearken or consent to her; but to conti-  
 “ nue firm in the Religion she had been Instructed and Edu-  
 “ cated in, what discountenance and ruin soever might be-  
 “ fall the poor Church, at that time under so severe Prose-  
 “ cution.

THE Duke of *Glocester* was very young, being at that  
 time

time not above seven years old, and so might well be thought incapable of retaining that advice and injunction, which in truth ever after made so deep impression in him. After he had given him all the advice he thought convenient in the matter of Religion, and commanded him positively, "Never to be perswaded or threaten'd out of the Religion of the Church, in which he hoped he would be well Instructed, and for the Purity and Integrity whereof he bid him remember that he had his Father's Testimony, and Authority; his Majesty told him, "That his Infancy, and the Tenderness of his years, might perswade some Men to hope and believe, that he might be made an Instrument, and Property, to advance their wicked designs; and if they should take away his Life, they might, possibly, the better to attain their own ends make him King; that under him, whilst his Age would not permit him to Judge, and Act for himself, they might remove many obstructions which lay in their way; and form and unite their Councils; and then they would destroy Him too. But he commanded him, upon his Blessing, never to forget what he said to him upon this occasion, nor to accept, or suffer himself to be made King, whilst either of his Elder Brothers liv'd, in what part of the World soever they should be: that he should remember that the Prince his Brother was to succeed him by the Laws of God and Man; and, if he should miscarry, that the Duke of York was to succeed in the same Right; and therefore that he should be sure never to be made use of to interrupt, or disturb either of their Rights; which would in the end turn to his own destruction. And this discourse the King reiterated to him, as often as he had liberty to see him, with all the earnestness, and passion he could express; which was so fixed in his Memory that he never forgot it. And many years after, when he was sent out of *England*, he made the full relation of all the particulars to Me, with that commotion of Spirit, that it appear'd to be deeply rooted in him; and made use of one part of it very seasonably afterwards, where there was more than an ordinary attempt made to have perverted him in his Religion, and to perswade him to become Roman Catholick for the advancement of his Fortune.

IN this manner, and with these kind of reflections, the King made use of the Liberty he enjoy'd; and consider'd as well, what remedies to apply to the worst that could fall out, as to Caress the Officers of the Army in order to the improvement of his Condition; of which he was not yet in despair; the Chief Officers, and all the Heads of that Party, looking upon it as their wisest Policy to cherish the King's hopes by the Liberty they gave him, and by a very flowing

Courtesy towards all who had been of his Party; whose expectation, and good word, and testimony, they found did them much good both in the City and the Country.

AT this time the Lord *Capel*, whom We left in *Fersey*, hearing of the difference between the Parliament and the Army, left his two Friends there; and made a Journey to *Paris* to the Prince, that he might receive his Highness's approbation of his going for *England*; which he very willingly gave; well knowing that he would improve all opportunities, with great diligence, for the King his Father's Service: and then that Lord Transported himself into *Zealand*, his Friends having advised him to be in those parts before they endeavour'd to procure a Pass for him; which they easily did, as soon as he came thither; and so he had liberty to remain at his own House in the Country, where he was exceedingly belov'd, and hated no where. And in this general and illimited indulgence, he took the opportunity to wait upon the King at *Hampton Court*; and gave him a particular Account of all that passed at *Fersey*, before the Prince's remove from thence, and of the reasons which induced those of the Council to remain still there, and of many other particulars, of which his Majesty had never before been throughly inform'd, and which put it out of any bodies power to do the Chancellor of the Exchequer any ill Offices: and from thence the King writ, with his own hand, a very gracious and kind Letter to the Chancellor at *Fersey*; full of hope "That he should conclude such a Treaty with the Army and Parliament that he should shortly draw him, and some other of his Friends, to him. He thanked him "For undertaking the work he was upon; and told him, he should expect speedily to receive some contribution from him towards it; and, within a very short time afterwards, he sent to him his own Memorials (or those which by his Command had been kept, and were perused and corrected by himself) of all that had passed from the time he had left his Majesty at *Oxford*, when he waited upon the Prince into the West, to the very day that the King left *Oxford* to go to the *Scots*; out of which Memorials, as hath been said before, the most important passages in the Years 1644 and 1645, are faithfully collected. To the Lord *Capel*, his Majesty imparted all his Hopes and all his Fears; and what great Overtures the *Scots* had again made to him; and "That he did really believe that it could not be long before there would be a War between the two Nations; in which the *Scots* promised themselves an universal concurrence from all the *Presbyterians* in *England*; and that, in such a conjuncture, he wished that his own Party would put themselves in Arms, without which he could not expect great benefit b

The Lord  
Capel waits  
on the King  
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“the success of the other: And therefore desir’d *Capel* “to watch such a conjuncture, and draw his Friends together; which he promised to do effectually; and did, very punctually, afterwards, to the loss of his own Life. Then the King enjoy’d him “To write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, “that whenever the Queen, or Prince, should require him to “come to them, he should not fail to yield Obedience to “their Command; and himself writ to the Queen, “that “when ever the Season should be ripe for the Prince to engage himself in any Action, she should not fail to send for “the Chancellor of the Exchequer to wait upon him in it. And many things were then adjusted, upon the foresight of future contingencies, which were afterwards thought fit to be executed.

THE Marquis of *Ormond* had, by special Command and Order from the King whilst he was with the *Scots* at *New-Castle*, deliver’d up the City of *Dublin* to the Parliament, after the *Irish* had so infamously broken the Peace they had made with the King, and brought their whole Army before *Dublin* to besiege it; by which he was reduced to those streights, that he had no other election than to deliver it to the *Irish*, or to the Parliament; of which his Majesty being inform’d, determin’d, he should give it to the Parliament; which he did, with full Conditions for all those who had serv’d his Majesty; and so Transported himself into *England*, and, from *London*, presented himself to the King at *Hampton Court*; who receiv’d him with extraordinary Grace, as a Person who had serv’d him with great Zeal and Fidelity, and with the most universal Testimony of all good Men that any Man could receive. He used less Application to the Parliament and Army than other Men, relying upon the Articles the Parliament had sign’d to him; by which he had liberty to stay so many Months in *England*, and at the end thereof to Transport himself into the parts beyond the Seas, if in the mean time he made no composition with the Parliament: which he never intended to do; and though he knew well that there were many jealous Eyes upon him, he repair’d frequently to present his Duty to the King; who was exceedingly pleased to confer with him, and to find that he was resolv’d to undertake any Enterprize that might Advance his Service; which the King himself, and most other men who wish’d well to it, did at that time believe to be in no desperate Condition. And no Men were fuller of professions of Duty, and a Resolution to run all hazards, than the *Scottish* Commissioners; who, from the time they had deliver’d up the King, resided at *London* with their usual Confidence, and loudly complain’d of the presumption of the Army in seizing upon the Person of

*The Marquis of Ormond likewise waits on the King at Hampton Court:*

*And Scottish Commissioners.*

the King, insinuated themselves to all those who were thought to be most constant, and inseparable from the Interest of the Crown, with passionate undertaking that their whole Nation would be united, to a Man, in any Enterprize for his Service. And now, from the time his Majesty came to *Hampton Court*, they came to him with as much presumption as if they had carried him to *Edenborough*; which was the more notorious, and was thought to signify the more, because their Persons were known to be most odious to all the great Officers in the Army, and to those who now govern'd in the Parliament. Here the foundation of that engagement was laid, which was endeavour'd to be perform'd the next year ensuing, and which the *Scots* themselves then communicated to the Marquis of *Ormond*, the Lord *Capel*, and other trusty Persons; as if there was nothing else intended in it than a full vindication of all his Majesty's Rights and Interest.

WHEN the Army had thus subdued all oppositions, and the Parliament and they seem'd all of a piece, and the refractory humours of the City seem'd to be suppress'd, and totally tamed, the Army seem'd less regardful of the King than they had been; the Chief Officers came rarely to *Hampton Court*, nor had they the same countenances towards *Ashburnham*, and *Berkley*, as they used to have; they were not at leisure to speak with them, and when they did, ask'd captious Questions, and gave Answers themselves of no signification. The Agitators, and Council of Officers, sent some Propositions to the King, as ruinous to the Church, and destructive to the Regal Power, as had been yet made by the Parliament; and, in some respects, much worse, and more dishonourable; and said, "If his Majesty would consent thereunto, they would apply themselves to the Parliament, and do the best they could to perswade them to be of the same opinion. But his Majesty rejected them with more than usual indignation, not without some reproaches upon the Officers, for having deluded him, and having prevail'd in all their own designs, by making the World believe that they intended his Majesty's Restoration and Settlement, upon better Conditions than the Parliament was willing to admit. By this manner of resentment, the Army took it self to be disobliged, and used another Language in their discourse of the King than they had, for some Months, done; and such Officers who had formerly serv'd the King, and had been civilly treated and shelter'd in the Quarters of the Army, were now driven from thence. They who had been kind to them, withdrew themselves from their Acquaintance; and the Sequestrations of all the Estates of the Cavaliers, which had been intermitted, were revived with as much rigour as ever had been before practiced, and

*The Army begins to be less regardful of the King.*

and the declared Delinquents rack'd to as high compositions; which if they refused to make, their whole Estates were taken from them, and their Persons expos'd to affronts, and insecurity; but this was imputed to the prevalence of the Presbyterian humour in the Parliament against the judgment of the Army: and it is very true, that though the Parliament was so far subdued, that it no more found fault with what the Army did, nor complain'd that it meddled in determining what Settlement should be made in the Government, yet, in all their own Acts and Proceedings, they prosecuted a Presbyterian Settlement as earnestly as they could. The Covenant was press'd in all places, and the Anabaptists and other Sects, which begun to abound, were punish'd, restrained, and discountenanced; which the Army liked not, as a violation of the Liberty of tender Consciences; which, they pretended, was as much the Original of the Quarrel, as any other Grievance whatsoever.

IN this year, 1647, they had begun a Visitation of the University of Oxford; which they finish'd not till the next year; in which the Earl of Pembroke had been contented to be employ'd as Chancellor of the University, who had taken an Oath to defend the Rights and Privileges of the University; notwithstanding which, out of the extreme weakness of his Understanding, and the miserable compliance of his Nature, he suffer'd himself to be made a Property in joyning with Brent, Pryn, and some Committee Men, and Presbyterian Ministers, as Commissioners for the Parliament to reform the Discipline, and Erroneous Doctrine of that Famous University, by the Rule of the Covenant; which was the Standard of all Mens Learning, and ability to govern; all Persons of what Quality soever being required to subscribe that Test; which the whole Body of the University was so far from submitting to, that they met in their Convocation, and, to their eternal Renoun (being at the same time under a strict and strong Garrison, put over them by the Parliament; the King in Prison; and all their hopes desperate) passed a publick Act, and Declaration against the Covenant, with such invincible Arguments of the Illegality, Wickedness, and Perjury contain'd in it, that no Man of the contrary Opinion, nor the Assembly of the Divines (which then sat at Westminster, forming a new Catechism, and Scheme of Religion) ever ventur'd to make any Answer to it; nor is it indeed to be answer'd, but must remain to the World's end, as a Monument of the Learning, Courage, and Loyalty, of that excellent place, against the highest Malice and Tyranny that was ever exercis'd in, or over any Nation; and which those Famous Commissioners only answer'd by Expelling all those who refused

*The University of Oxford visited by the Parliament.*

*The Oxford Reasons against the Covenant passed in Convocation at this time.*

fused to submit to their Jurisdiction, or to take the Covenant; which was, upon the matter, the whole University; scarce one Governour and Master of College or Hall, and an incredible small Number of the Fellows, or Scholars, submitting to either; whereupon that desolation being made, they placed in their rooms, the most notorious Factious Presbyterians, in the Government of the severall Colleges or Halls, and such other of the same Leven in the Fellowships, and Scholars places, of those whom they had Expelled, without any regard to the Statutes of the severall Founders, and the Incapacities of the Persons that were put in. The Omnipotence of an Ordinance of Parliament, confirm'd all that was this way done; and there was no farther contending against it.

It might reasonably be concluded that this wild and barbarous depopulation, would even extirpate all that Learning, Religion and Loyalty, which had so eminently flourished there; and that the succeeding ill Husbandry, and unskillful Cultivation, would have made it fruitful only in Ignorance, Prophanation, Atheism, and Rebellion; but, by God's wonderful Blessing, the goodness and richness of that Soil could not be made barren by all that stupidity and negligence. It choaked the Weeds, and would not suffer the poysonous Seeds, which were sown with industry enough, to spring up; but after severall Tyrannical Governments, mutually succeeding each other, and with the same malice and perverseness endeavouring to extinguish all good Literature and Allegiance, it yielded a Harvest of extraordinary good and sound Knowledge in all parts of Learning; and many who were wickedly introduced, applied themselves to the Study of good Learning, and the practice of Virtue; and had inclination to that Duty and Obedience they had never been taught; so that when it pleased God to bring King *Charles* the Second back to his Throne, he found that University (not to undervalue the other, which had nobly likewise rejected the ill infusions which had been industriously pour'd into it) abounding in excellent Learning, and devoted to Duty and Obedience, little inferior to what it was before its desolation; which was a lively instance of God's Mercy, and purpose, for ever so to provide for his Church, that the Gates of Hell shall never prevail against it; which were never open'd wider, nor with more Malice, than in that time.

THESE violent Proceedings in all places, blasted all the King's hopes, and put an end to all the rest and quiet he had for some time enjoyed; nor could he devise any remedy. He was weary of depending upon the Army, but neither knew how to get from them, nor whither else to resort for help. The Officers of those Guards which were assign'd to attend his

his Person, and who had behaved themselves with good Manners, and Duty towards him, and very civilly towards those of his Party who had used to wait upon his Majesty, begun now to murmur at so great resort to him, and to use many, who came, rudely; and not to suffer them to go into the Room where the King was; or, which was worse, put them out when they were there; and when his Majesty seem'd to take notice and be troubled at it, they appear'd not to be concern'd, nor answer'd him with that Duty they had used to do. They affronted the *Scottish* Commissioners very notably, and would not suffer them to speak with the King; which caused an expostulation from the Parliament; which removed the obstruction for the future, but procured no satisfaction for the injury they had receiv'd, nor made the same Officers more civil towards their Persons. *Asburnham*, and *Berkley*, receiv'd many Advertisements from some Officers with whom they had most conversed, and who would have been glad that the King might have been restored by the Army for the Preferments which they expected might fall to their share, "That *Cromwell*, and *Ireton* resolv'd never to trust the King, or to do any thing towards his Restoration; and they two steer'd the whole Body; and therefore it was advis'd, "That some way might be found to remove his Majesty out of their hand. Major *Huntington*, one of the best Officers they had, and Major to *Cromwell's* own Regiment of Horse, upon whom he rely'd in an Enterprize of Importance more than upon any Man, had been employ'd by him to the King, to say those things from him which had given the King the most confidence, and was much more than he had ever said to *Asburnham*; and the Major did really believe that he had meant all he said, and the King had a good opinion of the Integrity of the Major, upon the Testimony he had receiv'd from some he knew had no mind to deceive his Majesty; and the Man merited the Testimony they gave him. He, when he observ'd *Cromwell* to grow colder in his Expressions for the King than he had formerly been, expostulated with him in very sharp terms, for "Abusing him, and making him the Instrument to couzen the King; and, though the other endeavour'd to perswade him that all should be well, he inform'd his Majesty of all he had observ'd; and told him, "That *Cromwell* was a Villain, and would destroy him if he were not prevented; and, in a short time after, he gave up his Commission, and would serve no longer in the Army. *Cromwell* himself expostulated with M<sup>r</sup> *Asburnham*, and complain'd "That the King could not be trusted; and that he had no affection or confidence in the Army, but was jealous of them, "and of all the Officers: that he had Intrigues in the Par-

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“liament, and Treaties with the Presbyterians of the City,  
 “to raise new Troubles; that he had a Treaty concluded with  
 “the *Scotish* Commissioners to engage the Nation again in  
 “blood; and therefore he would not be answerable if any thing  
 “fell out amiss, and contrary to expectation; and that was the  
 reason, besides the old Animosity, that had drawn on the  
 Affront, which the Commissioners had complain’d of. What  
 that Treaty was, and what it produced, will be mention’d in  
 a more proper place.

*The Levellers  
 grew up in  
 the Army.*

THERE was at this time a new Faction grown up in the  
 Army, which were either by their own denomination, or with  
 their own consent, called *Levellers*; who spoke insolently and  
 confidently against the King and Parliament, and the great  
 Officers of the Army; and professed as great Malice against  
 all the Lords, as against the King; and declared “That all  
 “degrees of Men should be levelled, and an equality should  
 “be establish’d, both in Titles and Estates, throughout the  
 “Kingdoms. Whether the raising this Spirit was a piece of  
*Cromwell’s* ordinary Witchcraft, in order to some of his designs,  
 or whether it grew amongst those Tares which had been  
 sowed in that confusion, certain it is, it gave him real trouble  
 at last (which must be set down hereafter), but the present use  
 he made of it was, that, upon the licentious discourse of that  
 kind, which some Soldiers upon the Guard usually made, the  
 Guard upon the King’s Person was doubled; a restraint put  
 upon the great resort of People who came to see the King; and  
 all pretended to be for his security, and to prevent any Vio-  
 lence that might be attempted upon his Life; which they seem’d  
 to apprehend, and detest. In the mean time, they neither  
 hinder’d his Majesty from riding abroad to take the Air, nor  
 from doing any thing he had a mind to, nor restrain’d those  
 who waited upon him in his Bed-Chamber, nor his Chaplains  
 from performing their Functions; though towards all these  
 there was less civility exercised than had been; and the Guards  
 which waited nearest, were more rude, and made more noise  
 at unseasonable hours than they had been accusom’d to do;  
 the Captain who Commanded them, Colonel *Whaley*, being  
 a Man of a rough and brutal Temper, who had offer’d great  
 violence to his Nature, when he appear’d to exercise any ci-  
 vility and good Manners. The King, every day, receiv’d  
 little Billets or Letters, secretly convey’d to him without any  
 Name, which advertis’d him of wicked designs upon his Life,  
 and some of them advis’d him to make an Escape, and repair  
 secretly into the City, where he should be safe; some Letters  
 directing him to such an Alderman’s House; all which his  
 Majesty look’d upon as artifice to lead him into some streights,  
 from whence he should not easily explicate himself; and yet  
 many

many who repaired to him, brought the same advice from Men of unquestionable sincerity, by what reason soever they were swayed.

THE King found himself in great perplexity, from what he discern'd, and observ'd himself, as well as what he heard from others; but what use to make of the one or the other, was very hard to resolve: he did really believe that their Malice was at the height, and that they did design his Murder, but knew not which was a probable way to prevent it. The making an escape, if it were not contriv'd with wonderful sagacity, would expose him to be assassinated, by pretended Ignorance, and would be charged upon himself; and if he could avoid their Guards, and get beyond them undiscover'd, whether should he go? and what place would receive and defend him? The hope of the City seem'd not to him to have a foundation of reason; they had been too late subdued to recover Courage for such an adventure; and the Army now was much more Master of it than when they desponded. There is reason to believe that he did resolve to transport himself beyond the Seas, which had been no hard matter to have brought to pass, but with whom he consulted for the way of doing it, is not to this day discover'd; they who were instrumental in his remove, pretending to know nothing of the Resolution, or Counsel. But, one morning, being the eleventh of November, the King having, the night before, pretended some indisposition, and that he would go to his rest, they who went into his Chamber, found that he was not there, nor had been in his Bed that Night. There were two or three Letters found upon his Table, writ all with his own hand, one to the Parliament, another to the General; in which he declared "The reason of his remove to be, an apprehension that some desperate Persons had a design to Assassinate him; and therefore he had withdrawn himself with a purpose of remaining concealed, until the Parliament had agreed upon such Propositions as should be fit for him to consent to; and he would then appear, and willingly consent to any thing that should be for the Peace and Happiness of the Kingdom. There were discover'd the treading of Horses at a Back door of the Garden into which his Majesty had a passage out of his Chamber; and it is true that way he went, having appointed his Horse to be there ready at an hour, and Sr *John Berkley*, *Asburnham*, and *Legg*, to wait upon him, the two last being of his Bed-Chamber. *Asburnham* alone seem'd to know what they were to do, the other two having receiv'd only Orders to attend. When they were free from the Apprehension of the Guards, and the Horse Quarters, they rode towards the South West, and towards that part of *Hampshire* which

*The King escapes from Hampton Court, Nov. 11.*

He comes to  
Tichfield  
in Hamp-  
shire.

which led to the New Forest. The King asked *Ashburnham*, where the Ship lay? which made the other two conclude that the King resolv'd to Transport himself. After they had made some stay in that part next the Sea, and *Ashburnham* had been some time absent, he return'd without any news of the Ship; with which the King seem'd troubled. Upon this disappointment, the King thought it best, for avoiding all High-ways, to go to *Tichfield*, a noble Seat of the Earl of *Southampton's* (who was not there) but inhabited by the old Lady his Mother with a small Family, which made the retreat the more convenient; there his Majesty alighted, and would speak with the Lady; to whom he made no scruple of Communicating himself, well knowing her to be a Lady of that Honour, and Spirit, that she was superior to all kind of temptation. There he refreshed himself, and consulted with his three Servants, what he should next do, since there was neither Ship ready, nor could they presume that they could remain long there undiscover'd.

The King  
sends *Ash-  
burnham*  
and *Berk-  
ley* to Col.  
*Hammond*  
in the Isle  
of *Wight*.

IN this Debate, the Isle of *Wight* came to be mention'd (as they say) by *Ashburnham*, as a place where his Majesty might securely repose himself, until he thought fit to inform the Parliament where he was. Colonel *Hammond* was Governour there, an Officer of the Army, and of nearest trust with *Cromwell*, having by his advice been Married to a Daughter of *John Hambden*, whose memory he always adored; yet, by some fatal mistake, this Man was thought a Person of Honour and Generosity enough to trust the King's Person to, and *Ashburnham*, and *Berkley*, were sent to him with Orders, "First to be sure that the Man would faithfully promise not to deliver his Majesty up though the Parliament or Army should require him, but to give him his Liberty to shift for himself, if he were not able to defend him; and except he would make that promise, they should not let him know where his Majesty was, but should return presently to him. With this Commission they two crossed the Water to the Isle of *Wight*, the King in the mean time reposing himself at *Tichfield*. The next day they found Colonel *Hammond*; who was known to them both, who had Conversation with him in the Army, when the King was well treated there (and their Persons had been very civilly treated by most of the Officers, who thought themselves qualified sufficiently for Court Preferments) They told him, "That the King was withdrawn from the Army; of which he seem'd to have had no notice, and to be very much surpris'd with it. They then said, "That the King had so good an opinion of him, knowing him to be a Gentleman, and for his relation to Dr *Hammond* "(whose Nephew he was) that he would trust his Person  
"with



“with him, and would from thence write to the Parliament,  
 “if he would promise that if his Message had not that effect  
 “which he hoped it would have, he would leave him to  
 “himself to go whither he thought fit, and would not deliver  
 “him to the Parliament, or Army, if they should require it.  
 His Answer was, “That he would pay all the Duty and Ser-  
 “vice to his Majesty that was in his power; and, if he pleas’d  
 “to come thither, he would receive and entertain him as  
 “well as he could; but that he was an Inferior Officer, and  
 “must obey his Superiors in whatsoever they thought fit to  
 “command him: with which when he saw they were not sa-  
 tisfied, he asked, “Where the King was? to which they  
 made no other Answer, “But that they would acquaint his  
 “Majesty with his Answer, and, if he were satisfied with it,  
 “they would return to him again. He demanded that Mr  
 “*Ashburnham* would stay with him, and that the other might  
 “go to the King; which Mr *Ashburnham* refused to do.

AFTER some time spent in Debate, in which he made  
 many expressions of his desire to do any Service to his Ma-  
 jesty, they were contented that he should go with them; and  
*Ashburnham* said, “He would conduct him to the place where  
 “the King was; and so he, commanding three or four Ser-  
 vants or Soldiers to wait on him, they went together to The King  
Hammond  
to the Kings  
*Titchfield*; and the other staying below, *Ashburnham* went up  
 to the King’s Chamber. When he had acquainted him with  
 all that had passed, and that *Hammond* was in the House, his  
 Majesty broke out in a passionate exclamation, and said, “O  
 “*Jack*, thou hast undone me! with which the other falling  
 into a great passion of weeping, offer’d to go down, and to  
 kill *Hammond*; to which his Majesty would not consent; and,  
 after some pausing, and deliberation, sent for him up, and en-  
 deavour’d to persuade him to make the same promise, which  
 had before been propos’d; to which he made the same An-  
 swer he had done, but with many professions of doing all the  
 Offices he could for his Majesty; and seem’d to believe that  
 the Army would do well for him. The King believ’d that  
 there was now no possible way to get from him, he having  
 the Command of the Country, and could call in what help he  
 would; and so went with him into the Isle of *Wight*, and was  
 Lodg’d at *Carisbrook-Castle*, at first with all demonstration of  
 Respect and Duty. Hammond  
remove. the  
King to Ca-  
risbrooke  
Castle.

IT never appear’d afterwards that the King was malici-  
 ously betray’d to this unhappy peregrination, by the treachery  
 and practice of those he trusted; and his Majesty himself never  
 entertain’d the least Jealousy, or Suspicion of it; yet the whole  
 design appear’d to be so weakly contriv’d, the not being sure  
 of a Ship, if the Resolution were fixed for Embarking, which  
 was

The Au-  
thor’s opi-  
nion of this  
whole busi-  
ness.

was never manifest, the making choice of the Isle of *Wight*, and of *Hammond* to be trusted, since nothing fell out which was not to be reasonably foreseen and expected, and the bringing him to *Tichfield*, without the permission of the King, if not directly contrary to it, seem'd to be all so far from a rational design and conduct, that most Men did believe there was Treason in the contrivance, or that his Majesty entrusted those who were grossly impos'd upon and deceiv'd by his greatest Enemies. *Legg* had had so general a Reputation of Integrity, and Fidelity to his Master, that he never fell under the least Imputation or Reproach with any Man: he was a very punctual and steady observer of the Orders he receiv'd; but no contriver of them, and though he had in truth a better Judgment and Understanding than either of the other two, his modesty and diffidence of himself never suffer'd him to contrive bold Counsels. *Berkley* was less known among those Persons of Honour and Quality who had follow'd the King, being in a very private Station before the War, and his Post in it being in the farthest Corner of the Kingdom, and not much spoken of till the end of it, when he was not beholden to reports; Ambition and Vanity were well known to be predominant in him, and that he had great confidence in himself, and did not delight to converse with those who had not; but he never fell under any blemish of Disloyalty, and he took care to publish that this Enterprize of the King's was so totally without his privity, that he was required to attend on Horse-back at such an hour, and had not the least intimation of his Majesty's purpose what he intended to do. Another particular, which was acknowledged by *Hammond*, did him much credit, that when *Hammond* demanded that *Ashburnham* should remain with him whilst the other went to the King, which *Ashburnham* refused to do, *Berkley* did offer himself to remain with him whilst *Ashburnham* should attend his Majesty; so that the whole weight of the prejudice and reproach was cast upon *Ashburnham*; who was known to have so great an interest in the Affections of his Majesty, and so great an influence upon his Counsels and Resolutions, that he could not be ignorant of any thing that moved him.

THE not having a Ship ready, if it were intended, was unexcusable; and the putting the King into *Hammond's* hands without his leave, could never be wiped out. There were some who said, that *Ashburnham* resolv'd that the King should go to the Isle of *Wight*, before he left *Hampton Court*; and the Lord *Lanzdale* often said, "That being in Mr *Ashburnham's* Chamber at that time, he had the curiosity, whilst the "other went out of the Room, to look upon a Paper that lay "upon the Table; in which was writ, that it would be best

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“for the King to withdraw from the Army, where he was “in such danger; and that the Isle of *Wight* would be a good “retreat, where Colonel *Hammond* Commanded; who was a “very honest Man. And this was some days before his Majesty remov’d. And then it was observ’d, that *Hammond* himself left the Army but two or three days before the King’s remove, and went to the Isle of *Wight* at a Season when there was no visible occasion to draw him thither, and when the Agitators in the Army were at highest; and it was looked upon with the more wonder, because *Ashburnham* was not afterwards call’d in Question for being instrumental in the King’s going away, but liv’d unquestion’d long after in the fight of the Parliament, and in conversation with some of the Officers of the Army who had most deceiv’d him; and, which was more censured than all the rest, that after the Murder of the King he compounded, as was reported, at an easy rate, and liv’d at ease, and grew rich, for many years together without interruption.

ON the other hand, he preserv’d his Reputation and Credit with the most eminent of the King’s Party; and his remaining in *England* was upon the Marriage of a Lady by whom he had a great Fortune, and many conveniencies; which would have been seised by his leaving the Kingdom; and he did send over to the King, and had leave to stay there; and sometimes supplied the King with considerable Sums of Money. Afterwards he was committed to the Tower by *Cromwell*, where he remain’d till his Death; and the King was known to have had, to the last, a clear opinion of his Affection, and Integrity; and when King *Charles* the Second return’d, most of those of greatest Reputation, as the Marquis of *Hertford*, and the Earl of *Southampton*, gave him a good Testimony; yet then, the old discourses were revived, and Major *Huntington* did affirm, “That Mr *Ashburnham* did intend the King should go to the Isle of *Wight*, before he left “*Hampton* Court. Many who did not believe him to be corrupted, did still think that *Cromwell* and *Iretou* had overwitted him, and perswaded him, upon great promises, that it should prove for his Majesty’s benefit, and that they should the sooner do his business, that he should withdraw from the Army, and put himself into *Hammond*’s hands; for if in truth Transportation had been thought of, it is hard to believe that a Ship would not have been provided.

St *John Berkley*, who shortly after the King’s being in the Isle of *Wight*, had Transported himself into *France*, and remain’d still with the Duke of *York* to the time of King *Charles* the Second’s Return, and Mr *Ashburnham*, who continued in *England*, and so the more liable to Reproach, had been so

sollicitous to wipe off the aspersions which were cast upon them joyntly, that they had it in care to preserve the Reputation of a joynt Innocence ; but whilst each endeavour'd to clear himself, he objected or imputed somewhat to the other, that made him liable to just censure ; and, in this contention, their Friends mention'd their several discourses so loudly, and so passionately for the credit and reputation of him whom they lov'd best, that they contracted a very avow'd Animosity against each other ; insomuch as it was generally believ'd upon the King's Return, that they would, with some fierceness, have expostulated with each other in that way which angry Men choose to determine the right, or that both of them would have desir'd the King to have caused the whole to be so strictly examin'd, that the World might have discern'd, where the faults or oversights had been, if no worse could have been charged upon them : but they applied themselves to neither of those Expedients, and liv'd only as Men who took no delight in each others Conversation, and who did not desire to cherish any familiarity together. And the King, who was satisfied that there had been no Treasonable contrivance (from which his Father had absolv'd them) did not think it fit, upon such a Subject, to make strict Inquisition into Inadvertencies, Indiscretions, and Presumptions, which could not have been punished proportionally.

IT is true that they both writ Apologies, or Narrations of all that had passed in that Affair, which they made not publick, but gave in writing to such of their Friends in whose opinions they most desir'd to be absolv'd, without any Inclination that one should see what the other had writ ; in which, though there were several reflections upon each other, and differences in occurrences of less moment, there was nothing in either that seem'd to doubt of the Integrity of the other ; nor any clear relation of any probable inducement that prevailed with the King to undertake that Journey. I have read both their Relations, and conferr'd with both of them at large, to discover in truth what the motives might be which led to so fatal an end ; and, if I were obliged to deliver my own opinion, I should declare that neither of them were, in any degree, corrupted in their Loyalty or Affection to the King, or suborn'd to gratify any Persons with a disservice to their Master. They were both of them great Opiniators, yet irresolute, and easy to be shaken by any thing they had not thought of before ; and exceedingly undervalued each others Understanding ; but, as it usually falls out in Men of that kind of Composition, and Talent, they were both disposed to communicate more freely with, and, consequently, to be advised by new Acquaintance, and Men they had lately begun

to know, than old Friends, and such whose judgments they could not but esteem; who they had no mind should go sharers with them in the merit of any notable Service which they thought themselves able to bring to pass. Then, in the whole managery of the Kings business, from the time that they came into the Army, they never conversed with the same Persons; but govern'd themselves by what they receiv'd from those whose correspondence they had chosen. *Asburnham* seem'd wholly to rely upon *Cromwell*, and *Ireton*; and rather upon what they said to others than to himself. For besides outward Civilities, which they both exercised towards him more than to other Men, they seldom held private discourse with him, perswading him "That it was better for both their ends, in respect of the jealousy the Parliament had of them, that they should understand each others mind, as to the Transaction of any particulars, from third Persons mutually intrusted between them, than from frequent consultations together; and *St Edward Ford*, who had Married *Ireton's* Sister, but had been himself an Officer in the King's Army from the beginning of the War, and a Gentleman of good meaning, though not able to fathom the reserv'd and dark designs of his Brother in Law, was trusted to pass between them, with some other Officers of the Army, who had given *Asburnham* reason to believe that they had honest Purposes.

*BERKLEY* had not found that respect, from *Cromwell* and *Ireton*, that he expected; at least discern'd it to be greater towards *Asburnham*, than it was to Him; which he thought evidence enough of a defect of Judgment in them; and therefore had apply'd himself to others, who had not so great Names, but greater Interest, as he thought, in the Soldiers. His chief confidence was in *Dr Staines*, who, though a *Dr* in *Physick*, was Quarter Master General of the Army; and one *Watson*, who was Scout Master General of the Army; both of the Council of War, both in good credit with *Cromwell*, and both notable Fanaticks, and professed Enemies to the *Scots*, and the *Presbyterians*, and, no doubt, were both permitted, and instructed to Caress *St John Berkley*, and, by admiring his Wisdom and Conduct, to oblige him to depend on Theirs; and dissimulation had so great, and supreme an influence on the Hearts and Spirits of all those who were trusted, and employ'd by *Cromwell*, that no Man was safe in their Company, but he who resolv'd before, not to believe one word they said. These two Persons knew well how to humour *St John Berkley*, who believ'd them the more, because they seem'd very much to blame *Ireton's* stubbornness towards the King, and to fear that he often prevail'd upon *Cromwell*

against his own Inclinations: They inform'd him of many particulars which pass'd in the Council of Officers, and sometimes of advice from *Cromwell*, that was clean contrary to what the King receiv'd by *Asburnham* as his opinion, and which was found afterwards to be true (as it may be the other was too) which exceedingly confirm'd Sr *John* in the good opinion he had of his two Friends. They were the first who positively advertis'd the King by him, that *Cromwell* would never do him Service; and the first who seem'd to apprehend that the King's Person was in danger, and that there was some secret design upon his Life.

I DO not believe that Sr *John Berkley* knew any thing of the King's purpose in his intended escape, or whither he resolv'd to go, or, indeed, more of it than that he resolv'd at such an hour, and in such a place, to take Horse, and was himself required to attend him; nor do I, in truth, think that the King himself, when he took Horse, resolv'd whither to go. Some think he meant to go into the City; others, that he intended for *Fersey*; and that was the ground of the Question to Mr *Asburnham*, "Where is the Ship? Certain it is that the King never thought of going to the Isle of *Wight*. I am not sure that Mr *Asburnham*, who had not yet given over all hope of the chief Officers of the Army, and believ'd the alterations, which had fallen out, proceeded from the barbarity of the Agitators, and the Levelling Party, had not the Isle of *Wight* in his view from the beginning, that is, from the time his Majesty thought it necessary to make an escape from the Army. It had been a difficult task to go about to dissuade the King from an apprehension of his own safety, when it was much more natural to fear an Assassination, than to apprehend any thing that they did afterwards do. Mr *Asburnham* had so great a detestation of the *Scots*, that he expected no good from their Fraternity, the Presbyterians of the City; and did really believe that if his Majesty should put himself into their hands, as was advis'd by many with a purpose that he should be there conceal'd, till some favourable conjuncture should offer it self (for no body imagin'd that, upon his arrival there, the City would have declared for him, and have enter'd into a Contest with that Army which had so lately subdued them) the security of such an Escape was not to be relied on, and very earnestly dissuaded his Master from entertaining the thought of it; and this opinion of his was universally known, and as hath been said before, was an ingredient into the composition of that civility and kindness the Officers of the Army had for him. They did to him, frequently lament the Levelling Spirit that was gotten into the Soldiers, which they foresaw would in the future be as inconvenient,

nient, and mischievous to themselves, as it was, for the present, dangerous to the Person of the King; which they seem'd wonderfully to apprehend, and protested "That they knew not how to apply any remedy to it, whilst his Majesty was in the Army; but that they would quickly correct or subdue it, if the King were at any distance from them; and it is not impossible, that, in such discourses, some body who was trusted by them, if not one of themselves, might mention the Isle of *Wight* as a good place to retire to, and Colonel *Hammond* as a Man of good intentions; the minutes of which discourse Mr *Ashburnham* might keep by him; for the Lord *Langdale's* relation of such a Paper, which he himself saw, and read, cannot be thought by me to be a meer fiction; to which, besides that he was a Person of unblemish'd Honour and Veracity, he had not any temptation; yet Mr *Ashburnham* did constantly deny that he ever saw any such Paper, or had any thought of the Isle of *Wight* when the King left *Hampton Court*, and he never gave cause, in the subsequent Actions of his Life, to have his Fidelity suspected. And it is probable, that *Cromwell*, who many years afterwards committed him to the Tower, and did hate him, and desired to have taken his Life, would have been glad to have blasted his Reputation, by declaring that he had carried his Master to the Isle of *Wight*, without his privity, upon his own presumption; which, how well soever intended, must have been look'd upon by all Men as such a transcendent Crime, as must have deprived him of all compassion for the worst that could befall him.

THE suddain unexpected withdrawing of the King, made a great impression upon the minds of all Men, every Man fancying that his Majesty would do that which he wished he would do. The Presbyterians imagined that he lay concealed in the City (which they unreasonably thought he might easily do) and would expect a proper conjuncture, upon a new rupture between the Parliament, and the Army, and the many Factions in the Army, which every day appear'd, to discover himself. The Cavaliers hoped that he would transport himself into the parts beyond the Seas, and quietly attend there those alterations at home, which might probably in a short time invite his Return. The Army was not without this apprehension, as imagining it the worst that could fall out to their purposes.

THE Parliament, that is, that part of it that was devoted to the Army, was most frighted with the imagination that the King was in the City, and would lurk there until some Conspiracy should be ripe, and all his Party should be present in *London* to second it; and therefore they no sooner heard that he was gone from *Hampton Court*, than they passed an Ordinance of both Houses, by which they declared, "That

*The Parliament's behaviour upon the news of the King's withdrawing, and where he was.*

“ it should be Confiscation of Estate, and loss of Life, to any  
 “ Man who presumed to harbour and conceal the King’s Per-  
 “ son in his House, without revealing, and making it known  
 “ to the Parliament: which, no doubt, would have terrified  
 them all in such a manner, that if he had been in truth a-  
 mongst them, he would quickly have been discover’d, and  
 given up. They caused some of the most notorious Presby-  
 terians Houses to be searched, as if they had been sure he had  
 been there; and sent Posts to all Ports of the Kingdom “ That  
 “ they might be shut, and no Person be suffer’d to Embark,  
 “ lest the King, in disguise, Transport himself; and a Procla-  
 mation was issued out, “ For the banishing all Persons who  
 “ had ever borne Arms for the King, out of *London*, or any  
 “ place within twenty Miles of it; and all Persons of that kind,  
 who, upon strict search, were found, were apprehended, and  
 put into several Prisons, with all the circumstances of severity  
 and rigour. But all these doubts were quickly clear’d, and  
 within two days, *Cromwell* inform’d the House of Commons,  
 “ That he had receiv’d Letters from Colonel *Hammond*, of all  
 “ the manner of the King’s coming to the Isle of *Wight*, and  
 “ the Company that came with him; that he remain’d there  
 “ in the Castle of *Carisbrooke*, till the pleasure of the Parlia-  
 “ ment should be known. He assured them, “ That Colonel  
 “ *Hammond* was so honest a Man, and so much devoted to  
 “ their Service, that they need have no jealousy that he might  
 “ be corrupted by any Body; and all this relation he made with-  
 so unusual a gaiety, that all Men concluded that the King was  
 where He wish’d he should be.

AND now the Parliament maintain’d no farther Contests  
 with the Army, but tamely submitted to whatsoever they pro-  
 posed; the Presbyterians in both Houses, and in the City,  
 being in a terrible Agony, that some close Correspondences  
 they had held with the King during his abode at *Hampton*  
 Court, would be discover’d; and therefore would give no  
 farther occasion of jealousy by any contradictions, leaving it  
 to their Clergy to keep the fire burning in the hearts of the  
 People by their Pulpit-Inflamations; and they stoutly dis-  
 charged their trust.

BUT *Cromwell* had more cause to fear a fire in his own  
 Quarter, and that he had raised a Spirit in the Army which  
 would not easily be quieted again. The Agitators, who were  
 first form’d by him to oppose the Parliament, and to resist the  
 destructive doom of their disbanding, and likewise to prevent  
 any inconvenience, or mischief, that might result from the  
 drowsy, dull Presbyterian humour of *Fairfax*; who wish’d  
 nothing that *Cromwell* did, and yet contributed to bring it all  
 to pass: These Agitators, had hitherto transcribed faithfully



all the Copies he had given them, and offer'd such Advices to the Parliament, and insisted upon such expostulations and demands, as were necessary, whilst there was either any purpose to treat with the King, or any reason to flatter his Party. But now the King was gone from the Army, and in such a place as the Army could have no recourse to him, and that the Parliament was become of so soft a temper, that the Party of the Army that was in it, could make all necessary impression upon them, He desir'd to restrain the Agitators from that Liberty which they had so long enjoy'd, and to keep them within stricter Rules of Obedience to their Superiors, and to hinder their future Meetings, and Consultations concerning the settling the Government of the Kingdom; which, he thought, ought now to be solely left to the Parliament; whose Authority, for the present, he thought best to uphold, and by it to establish all that was to be done. But the Agitators would not be so dismiss'd from State Affairs; of which they had so pleasant a relish; nor be at the mercy of the Parliament, which they had so much provoked; and therefore when they were admitted no more to consultations with their Officers, they continued their meetings without them; and thought there was as great need to reform their Officers, as any part of the Church or State. They enter'd into new Associations, and made many Propositions to their Officers, and to the Parliament, to introduce an equality into all Conditions, and a parity among all Men; from whence they had the Appellation of *Levellers*; which appear'd a great Party. They did not only meet against the express Command of their Officers, but drew very considerable Parties of the Army to Rendezvous, without the Order or Privy of their Superiors; and there perswaded them to enter into such Engagements, as would in a short time have dissolv'd the Government of the Army, and absolv'd them from a dependance upon their General Officers. The suppression of this License, put *Cromwell* to the expence of all his cunning, dexterity, and courage; so that after he had cajoled the Parliament, as if the preservation of their Authority had been all he cared for and took to heart, and sent some false Brothers to comply in the Counsels of the Conspirators, by that means having notice of their Rendezvous, he was unexpectedly found with an ordinary Guard at those meetings; and, with a marvellous vivacity, having ask'd some Questions of those whom he observ'd most active, and receiving insolent Answers, he knock'd two or three of them in the head with his own hand, and then charged the rest with his Troop, and took such a number of them as he thought fit; whereof he presently caused some to be Hang'd, and sent others to *London* to a more formal Tryal. By two

*Cromwell  
surpresses a  
Tumult of  
the Levellers.*

or three such Encounters, for the obstinacy continued long, he totally subdued that Spirit in the Army, though it continued and encreas'd very much in the Kingdom; and if it had not been Encounter'd at that time with that rough and brisk temper of *Cromwell*, it would presently have produced all imaginable confusion in the Parliament, Army, and Kingdom.

ALL opposition being thus suppress'd and quieted, and *Cromwell* needing no other assistance to the carrying on his designs, than the present temper and inclination of the Parliament, they sent a Message to the King, briefly proposing to him, "That he would forthwith grant his Royal Assent to four Acts of Parliament; which they then sent to him. By one of them, he was to confess the War to have been rais'd by him against the Parliament; and so that he was guilty of all the Blood that had been spilt. By another, he was totally to dissolve the Government of the Church by Bishops, and to grant all the Lands belonging to the Church to such uses as they propos'd; leaving the settling a future Government in the place thereof to farther Time and Counsels. By a third he was to grant, and settle the Militia in the Manner and in the Persons propos'd, reserving not so much power in himself as any Subject was capable of. In the last place, he was in effect, to Sacrifice all those who had serv'd, or adher'd to him, to the Mercy of the Parliament.

*The Parliament sends a Message to the King to pass four Acts.*

THE Persons who were sent with these four Bills, had liberty given to expect the King's Answer only four days, and were then required to return to the Parliament. With the Commissioners of Parliament there came likewise the Commissioners of *Scotland*, who, after the four Bills were deliver'd, and read to the King, the very next day, desir'd an Audience; and, with much formality and confidence, deliver'd a Declaration, and Protestation on the behalf of the Kingdom of *Scotland* against those Bills and Propositions. They said, "They were so prejudicial to Religion, the Crown, and the Union, and Interest of the Kingdoms, and so far different from the former proceedings and engagements between the two Kingdoms, that they could not concur therein; and therefore, in the name of the whole Kingdom of *Scotland*, did declare their dissent. The King had receiv'd Advertisement, that as soon as he should refuse to consent to the Bills, he should presently be made a close Prisoner, and all his Servants should be removed from him; upon which, and because the Commissioners had no power to treat with him, but were only to receive his positive Answer, he resolv'd that his Answer should not be known till it was deliver'd to the Parliament; and that, in the mean time, he would endeavour to make his Escape, before new Orders could be sent from *Westminster*: so when

*The Commissioners of Scotland enter a Protestation against them.*

when the Commissioners came to receive his Answer, he gave it to them sealed. The Earl of *Denbigh*, who was the chief of the Commissioners, and a Person very ungracious to the King, told him, "That though they had no Authority to treat with him, or to do any thing but to receive his Answer, yet they were not to be look'd upon as Common Messengers, and to carry back an Answer that they had not seen: And, upon the matter, refused to receive it; and said, "They would return without any, except they might see what they carried.

*The King gives his Answer to the Parliament Commissioners.*

HIS Majesty conceiv'd that their return without his Answer would be attended with the worst Consequences; and therefore he told them, "That he had some reason for having offer'd to deliver it to them in that manner; but if they would give him their words, that the Communicating it to them should be attended with no prejudice to him, he would open it, and cause it to be read, which they readily undertook (as in truth they knew no reason to suspect it) and thereupon he open'd it, and gave it one to read. The Answer was, "That his Majesty had always thought it a matter of great difficulty to comply in such a manner with all engaged Interests, that a firm and lasting Peace might ensue; in which opinion he was now confirm'd, since the Commissioners for *Scotland* do solemnly protest against the several Bills, and Propositions, which the two Houses of Parliament had presented to him for his Assent; so that it was not possible for him to give such an Answer as might be the foundation of a hopeful Peace. He gave them many unanswerable reasons, "Why he could not pass the four Bills as they were offer'd to him; which did not only devest him of all Sovereignty, and leave him without any possibility of recovering it to him or his Successors, but open'd a door for all intolerable oppressions upon his Subjects, he granting such an Arbitrary and Illimited Power to the two Houses. He told them, "That neither the desire of being freed from that tedious and irksome Condition of Life, which he had so long suffer'd, nor the apprehension of any thing that might befall him, should ever prevail with him to consent to any one Act, till the conditions of the whole Peace should be concluded; and then that he would be ready to give all just and reasonable satisfaction, in all particulars; and for the adjusting of all this, he knew no way but a Personal Treaty (and therefore very earnestly desir'd the two Houses to consent to it) to be either at *London*, or any other place they would rather choose. As soon as this Answer, or to the same effect, was read, he deliver'd it to the Commissioners; who no sooner receiv'd it than they kissed his hand, and departed for *Westminster*.

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Presently after Hammond removes the Kings old Servants from about him.

THE Commissioners were no sooner gone than *Hammond* caused all the King's Servants, who till then had all Liberty to be with him, to be immediately put out of the Castle; and forbid any of them to repair thither any more; and appointed a strong Guard to restrain any Body from going to the King, if they should endeavour it. This exceedingly troubled, and surpris'd him, being an absolute disappointment of all the hope he had left. He told *Hammond*, "That it was not suitable to his engagement, and that it did not become a Man of Honour or Honesty to treat him so, who had so freely put himself into his Hands. He ask'd him, whether the Commissioners were acquainted with his purpose to proceed in this matter? To which he Answer'd, "That they were not; but that he had an Order from the Parliament to do as he had done; and that he saw plainly by his Answer to the Propositions, that he acted by other Counsels than stood with the good of the Kingdom.

THIS insolent and imperious proceeding, put the Island (which was generally inhabited by a People always well affected to the Crown) into a high Mutiny. They said, "They would not endure to see their King so used, and made a Prisoner. There was at that time there one Captain *Burly*, who was of a good Family in the Island. He had been a Captain of one of the King's Ships, and was put out of his Command when the Fleet Rebell'd against the King; and then he put himself into the King's Army, where he continued an Officer of good Account to the end of the War, and was in one of the King's Armies General of the Ordnance. When the War was at an end, he repair'd into his own Country, the Isle of *Wight*; where many of his Family still lived in good Reputation. This Gentleman chanced to be at *Newport*, the chief Town in the Island, when the King was thus treated, and when the People seem'd generally to resent it with so much indignation; and was so much transported with the same fury, being a Man of more Courage than of Prudence and Circumspection, that he caused a Drum to be presently beaten, and put himself at the head of the People who flock'd together, and cry'd "For God, the King, and the People; and said, "He would lead them to the Castle, and rescue the King from his Captivity. The attempt was presently discern'd to be irrational, and impossible; and by the great diligence, and activity of the King's Servants, who had been put out of the Castle, the People were quieted, and all Men resorted to their own Houses; but the poor Gentleman paid dear for his ill advised and precipitate Loyalty. For *Hammond* caused him presently to be made Prisoner; and the Parliament, without delay, sent down a Commission of Oyer and

Thereupon Captain *Burly* stirs up the People in the Island; but is quickly suppressed, condemn'd, and executed.]

and *Terminer*; in which an infamous Judge, *Wild*, whom they had made Chief Baron of the Exchequer for such Services, presided; who caused poor *Burley* to be, with all formality, indicted of high Treason for Levying War against the King, and engaging the Kingdom in a new War; of which the Jury they had brought together, found him guilty; upon which their Judge condemn'd him, and the Honest Man was forthwith hang'd, drawn, and quarter'd, with all the circumstances of Barbarity and Cruelty; which struck a wonderful Terror into all Men, this being the first precedent of their having brought any Man to a formal Legal Trial by the Law to deprive him of his Life, and make him guilty of High Treason for adhering to the King; and it made a deeper impression upon the hearts of all Men, than all the Cruelties they had yet exercised by their Courts of War; which though they took away the Lives of many Innocent Men, left their Estates to their Wives and Children; but when they saw now, that they might be condemn'd of High Treason before a sworn Judge of the Law for serving the King, by which their Estates would be likewise Confiscated, they thought they should be justified if they kept their Hearts entire, without being involv'd by their Actions in a Capital Transgression.

UPON the receipt of the King's Answer, there appear'd a new Spirit and Temper in the House of Commons; hitherto, no Man had mention'd the King's Person without Duty and Respect, and only lamented "That he was misled by evil and wicked Counsellors; who being removed from him, he might by the advice of his Parliament govern well enough. But now, upon the refusal to pass these Bills, every Man's mouth was open'd against him with the utmost Sawciness, and License; each Man striving to exceed the other in the impudence and bitterness of his Invective. *Cromwell* declared, "That the King was a Man of great parts, and great understanding (faculties they had hitherto endeavour'd to have him thought to be without) "but that he was so great a dissembler, and so false a Man, that he was not to be trusted. And thereupon, repeated many particulars, whilst he was in the Army, that his Majesty wish'd that such, and such things might be done, which being done to gratify him, he was displeas'd, and complain'd of it: That whilst he profess'd with "all solemnity that he refer'd himself wholly to the Parliament, and depended only upon their Wisdom and Counsel "for the Settlement and Composing the Distractions of the Kingdom, he had, at the same time, secret Treaties with "the *Scottish* Commissioners, how he might imbroil the Nation "in a new War, and destroy the Parliament. He concluded, "that they might no farther trouble themselves with sending  
"Messages

*How the King's Answer is receiv'd by the Parliament; and Cromwell's Speech of the King thereupon.*

“ Messages to him, or farther Propositions, but that they might  
 “ enter upon those Counsels which were necessary towards  
 “ the Settlement of the Kingdom, without having farther re-  
 “ course to the King. Those of his Party seconded this ad-  
 vice with new Reproaches upon the Person of the King,  
 charging him with such abominable Actions, as had been ne-  
 ver heard of, and could be only suggested from the malice of  
 their own Hearts; whilst Men who had any Modesty, and  
 abhor’d that way of proceeding, stood amaz’d and confound-  
 ed at the manner and presumption of it, and without Courage  
 to give any notable opposition to their Rage. So that, after  
 several days spent in passionate Debates to this purpose, they  
 Voted, “ That they would make no more Addresses to the  
 King, but proceed towards settling the Government, and  
 “ providing for the Peace of the Kingdom, in such manner as  
 “ they should judge best for the benefit and liberty of the Sub-  
 “ ject: and a Committee was appointed to prepare a Decla-  
 ration to inform and satisfy the People of this their Resolu-  
 tion, and the grounds thereof, and to assure them, “ That they  
 “ had Lawful Authority to proceed in this manner. In the  
 mean time, the King, who had, from the time of his coming  
 to the Isle of *Wight*, enjoy’d the liberty of taking the Air, and  
 refreshing himself throughout the Island, and was attended by  
 such Servants as he had appointed, or sent for, to come thi-  
 ther to him, to the time that he had refused to pass those Bills,  
 from thenceforth was no more suffer’d to go out of the Castle  
 beyond a little ill Garden that belonged to it. And now, af-  
 ter this Vote of the House of Commons, that there should be  
 no more Addresses made to him, all his Servants being remov’d,  
 a few new Men, for the most part unknown to his Majesty;  
 were deputed to be about his Person to perform all those Of-  
 fices which they believ’d might be requisite, and of whose Fi-  
 delity to themselves they were as well assured, as that they  
 were without any Reverence or Affection for the King.

Vote of no  
 more Ad-  
 dresses to the  
 King, &c.

A meeting  
 of Crom-  
 well and  
 the Officers  
 at Wind-  
 sor, wherein  
 they design  
 the King’s  
 Destruction.

IT is very true, that within few days after the King’s with-  
 drawing from *Hampton Court*, and after it was known that  
 he was in the Isle of *Wight*, there was a meeting of the Ge-  
 neral Officers of the Army at *Windsor*, where *Cromwell* and  
*Ireton* were present, to consult what should be now done with  
 the King. For, though *Cromwell* was weary of the Agitators,  
 and resolv’d to break their meetings, and though the Parlia-  
 ment concurr’d in all he desir’d, yet his entire confidence was  
 in the Officers of the Army; who were they who sway’d the  
 Parliament, and the Army it self, to bring what he intended  
 to pass. At this conference, the preliminaries wereof were  
 always Fastings and Prayers, made at the very Council by  
*Cromwell* or *Ireton*, or some other *Inspired* Person, as most of  
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the Officers were, it was resolv'd "That the King should be prosecuted for his Life as a Criminal Person: of which his Majesty was advertised speedily by *Watson*, Quarter Master General of the Army; who was present; and had pretended, from the first coming of the King to the Army, to have a desire to serve him, and desired to be now thought to retain it; but the Resolution was a great secret, of which the Parliament had not the least intimation, or jealousy; but was, as it had been, to be cozen'd by degrees to do what they never intended. Nor was his Majesty easily perswaded to give credit to the information; but though he expected, and thought it very probable, that they would Murder him, he did not believe they would attempt it with that formality, or let the People know their Intentions. The great approach they made towards it, was, their Declaration "That they would make no more Addresses to the King, that by an Interregnum they might feel the pulse of the People, and discover how they would submit to another form of Government; and yet all Writs, and Process of Justice, and all Commissions, still issued in the King's Name without his consent or privity; and little other change or alteration, but that what was before done by the King himself, and by his immediate Order, was now perform'd by the Parliament; and, instead of Acts of Parliament, they made Ordinances of the two Houses to serve all their occasions; which found the same Obedience from the People.

THIS Declaration of no more Addresses, contain'd a charge against the King of whatsoever had been done amiss from the beginning of his Government, or before, not without a direct Insinuation, as if "He had conspired with the Duke of *Buckingham* against the life of his Father; the prejudice "he had brought upon the Protestant Religion in Forreign "parts, by lending his Ships to the King of *France*, who employ'd them against *Rochel*: they renew'd the remembrance, and reproach of all those grievances which had been mention'd in their first Remonstrance of the State of the Kingdom, and repeated all the calumnies which had been contain'd in all their Declarations before and after the War; which had been all so fully Answer'd by his Majesty, that the world was convinced of their Rebellion and Treason: they charged him with being "The cause of all the blood that had "been spilt, by his having made a War upon his Parliament, "and rejecting all Overtures of Peace which had been made "to him; and in regard of all these things, they resolv'd to "make no more Address to him, but, by their own Authority, to provide for the Peace and Welfare of the Kingdom.

*The Vote of no more Addresses seconded by a Declaration.*

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gainst it.

THIS Declaration found much opposition in the House of Commons, in respect of the particular reproaches they had now cast upon the Person of the King, which they had heretofore, in their own publish'd Declarations to the People, charged upon the evil Counsellors, and Persons about him; and some Persons had been sentenc'd, and condemn'd, for those very crimes which they now accused his Majesty of. But there was much more exception to their conclusion from those premises, that therefore they would address themselves no more to him; and *John Maynard*, a Member of the House, and a Lawyer of great eminence, who had too much complied and concurred with their irregular, and unjust proceedings, after he had with great vehemence opposed, and contradicted the most odious Parts of their Declaration, told them plainly, "That by this resolution of making no more Addresses to the King, they did, as far as in Them lay, dissolve the Parliament; and that, from the time of that determination, he knew not with what security, in point of Law, they could meet together, or any Man joyn with them in their Counsels: That it was of the Essence of Parliament, that they should upon all occasions repair to the King; and that his Majesty's refusal at any time to receive their Petitions, or to admit their Addresses, had been always held the highest breach of their Privilege, because it tended to their dissolution without dissolving them; and therefore if they should now, on their parts, determine that they would receive no more Messages from him (which was likewise a part of their Declaration) nor make any more address to him, they did, upon the matter, declare that they were no longer a Parliament: and then, how could the People look upon them as such? This Argumentation being boldly press'd by a Man of that Learning and Authority, who had very seldom not been believ'd, made a great impression upon all Men who had not prostituted themselves to *Cromwell*, and his Party. But the other side meant not to maintain their resolution by discourfes, well knowing where their strength lay; and so still called for the Question; which was carried by a plurality of Voices, as they foresaw it would; very many Persons who abhor'd the determination, not having Courage to provoke the powerful Men by owning their dissent; others, satisfying themselves with the resolution to, withdraw themselves, and to bear no farther part in the Counsels; which *Maynard* himself did; and came no more to the House in very many Months, nor till there seem'd to be such an alteration in the minds of Men, that there would be a reversal of that monitrous determination; and many others did the same.

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WHEN this Declaration was thus passed the Commons, and by them sent to the House of Peers for their concurrence, the Manner of the Matter was of that importance as to need much Debate, but, with as little formality as was possible, it had the concurrence of that House, and was immediately printed, and published, and new Orders sent to the Isle of *Wight*, for the more strict looking to, and guarding the King, that he might not escape.

THE publishing this Declaration wrought very different effects in the minds of the People, from what they expected it would produce; and it appear'd to be so publickly detested, that many who had serv'd the Parliament in several unwarrantable Employments and Commissions, from the beginning of the War, in the City and in the Country, withdrew themselves from the Service of the Parliament; and much inveigh'd against it, for declining all the Principles upon which they had engaged them. Many private Persons took upon them to publish Answers to that Declaration, that, the King himself being under so strict a restraint that he could make no Answer, the People might not be poyson'd with the belief of it. And the several Answers of this kind wrought very much upon the People, who open'd their Mouths very loud against the Parliament and the Army; and the clamour was encreased by the encrease of Taxes, and Impositions, which were raised by new Ordinances of Parliament upon the Kingdom; and though they were so entirely possessed of the whole Kingdom, and the Forces and Garrisons thereof, that they had no Enemy to fear or apprehend, yet they disbanded no part of their Army; and notwithstanding they raised incredible Sums of Money, upon the Sale of the Church and the Crown Lands; for which they found Purchasers enough amongst their own Party in the City, Army, and Country, and upon composition with Delinquents, and the sale of their Lands who refused, or could not be admitted, to compound (which few refuse to do who could be admitted, in regard that their Estates were all under Sequestration, and the Rents thereof paid to the Parliament, so that till they compounded they had nothing to support themselves, whereby they were driven into extreme wants and necessities, and were compelled to make their Compositions, at how unreasonable rates soever, that they might thereby be enabled to sell some part, to preserve the rest, and their Houses from being pulled down, and their Woods from being wasted or spoiled) Notwithstanding all these vast receipts, which they ever pretended should ease the People of their Burden, and should suffice to pay the Army their expences at Sea, and Land, their debts were so great, that they raised the publick Taxes; and,

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besides all Custom, and Excise, they Levied a Monthly Contribution of above a hundred thousand pounds by a Land Tax throughout the Kingdom; which was more than had been ever done before, and it being, at a time when they had no Enemy who contended with them, was an Evidence that it would have no end, and that the Army was still to be kept up, to make good the resolution they had taken, to have no more to do with the King; and that made the resolution generally the more odious. All this grew the more insupportable, by reason that upon the publishing this last monstrous Declaration, most of those Persons of condition, who, as hath been said before, had been seduced to do them Service throughout the Kingdom, declined to appear longer in so detestable an employment; and now a more inferior sort of the common People succeeded in those employments, who thereby exercised so great insolence over those who were in Quality above them, and who always had a power over them, that it was very grievous; and for this, let the circumstances be what they would, no redress could be ever obtain'd, all distinction of Quality being renounced. They who were not above the condition of ordinary inferior Constables, six or seven years before, were now the Justices of Peace, and Sequestrators, and Commissioners; who executed the Commands of the Parliament, in all the Counties of the Kingdom, with such Rigour and Tyranny, as was natural for such Persons to use over and towards those upon whom they had formerly looked at such a distance. But let their sufferings be never so great, and the murmur and discontent never so general, there was no shadow of hope by which they might discern any possible relief: so that they who had struggled as long as they were able, submitted patiently to the Yoke, with the more satisfaction, in that they saw many of those who had been the principal Contrivers of all the mischiefs to satisfy their own Ambition, and that they might govern others, reduced to almost as ill a condition as themselves, at least to as little Power, and Authority, and Security; whilst the whole Government of the Nation remain'd, upon the matter, wholly in Their hands who in the beginning of the Parliament were scarce ever heard of, or their names known but in the places where they inhabited.

THE King being in this melancholick neglected Condition, and the Kingdom possessed by the new Rulers, without controul, in the new method of Government, where every thing was done, and submitted to, which they propounded, they yet found that there was no foundation laid for their Peace, and future Security; that beside the general discontent of the Nation, which for the present they did not fear, they

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were to expect new Troubles from *Ireland*, and from *Scotland*; which would, in the Progress have an influence upon *England*.

IN *Ireland* (which they had totally neglected from the time of the differences and contentts between the Parliament and the Army, and from the King's being in the Army) though they were possessed of *Dublin*, and upon the matter, of the whole Province of *Munster*, by the activity of the Lord *Inchiquin*, and the Lord *Brogbill*; yet the *Irish* Rebels had very great Forces, which cover'd all the other parts of the Kingdom. But they had no kind of fears of the *Irish*, whom they vanquished as often as they saw, and never declined Fighting upon any inequality of Number: they had an apprehension of another Enemy. The Marquis of *Ormond* had often attended the King at *Hampton Court*, and had great resort to him, whilst he stay'd in *London*, by all those who had serv'd the King, and not less by those who were known to be unsatisfy'd with the proceedings both of the Parliament and the Army; and by the *Scotish* Commissioners, who had frequently private Meetings with him; insomuch as the Officers of the Army, who gave the first motion to all extravagant Acts of power, had resolv'd to have apprehended and imprison'd him, as a Man worthy of their fear, though they had nothing to charge him with; and by his Articles, he had liberty to stay six Months where he would in *England* (which time was little more than half expired) and then he might Transport himself into what part he desired beyond the Seas. The Marquis had notice of this their purpose; and having conferr'd with his Majesty as much as was necessary, upon a reasonable foresight of what was like to fall out, shortly after, or about the time that the King left *Hampton Court*, he in disguise, and without being attended by more than one Servant, rid into *Suffex*; and in an obscure and unguarded Port or Harbour, put himself on board a Shallop, which safely Transported him into *Normandy*; from whence he waited upon the Queen, and the Prince of *Wales*, at *Paris*; to whom he could not but be very welcome.

*The Affairs  
of Ireland.*

*The Marquis  
of Ormond  
transports  
himself out  
of England  
into France.*

AT the same time, there were Commissioners arriv'd from *Ireland* from the Confederate Roman Catholicks; who, after they had driven the King's Authority from them, quickly found they needed it for their own preservation. The Factions grew so great amongst the *Irish* themselves, and the Pope's Nuntio exercised his Authority with so great Tyranny and insolence, that all were weary of him; and found that the Parliament, as soon as they should send more Forces over, would easily, by reason of their divisions, reduce them into great streights, and necessities. They therefore sent Commis-

fioners to the Queen and Prince to desire, "That by their favour, they might have the King's Authority again among them; to which they promised, for the future, a ready obedience, with many acknowledgments of their former miscarriage and ill behaviour. It is very true that the Marquis of *Antrim*, who was one of the Commissioners, and was always inseparable from the highest Ambition (though without any Qualifications for any great Trust) had entertain'd the hope, that by the Queen's favour, who had too good an opinion of him, the Government of *Ireland* should be committed to Him, and his Conduct; which none of the other Commissioners thought of, nor had their Eyes fixed on any Man but the Marquis of *Ormond*, in whom the King's Authority was vested; for he remain'd still Lieutenant of *Ireland* by the King's Commission; and they had reason to believe that all the *English* Protestants, who had formerly liv'd under his Government (without a conjunction with whom, they well foresaw the *Irish* would not be able to defend or preserve themselves) would return to the same obedience, as soon as he should return to receive it. The Queen and the Prince thought not of trusting any other in that most hazardous and difficult Employment, and so refer'd the Commissioners to make all their Overtures, and Propositious to him; who knew well enough what they would not do if they could, and what they could not do if they had a mind to it; and how devoted soever he was to the King's Service, nothing propos'd or undertaken by them, could have been the least inducement to him to engage himself, and to depend upon their Fidelity. But there were three things, which with the great and entire Zeal for the King's Service, to which he had dedicated himself, made him believe that he might with some success appear again in the Kingdom, in this conjuncture; and that his so doing, might have a good effect upon the temper of *England* towards the mending his Majesty's Condition there.

The Reasons  
that moved  
the Marquis  
to go again  
into Ire-  
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FIRST, the Cardinal *Mazarin* (who then absolutely govern'd *France*) seem'd very earnestly to advise it, and promised to supply him with a good Sum of Money, and store of Arms and Ammunition to carry with him; which he knew very well how to dispose of there. Secondly, he was privy to the *Scottish* Engagement, and to a resolution of many Persons of great Honour in *England*, to appear in Arms at the same time; which was design'd for the Summer following; where by the Parliament, and Army, which were like to have new divisions amongst themselves, would not be able to send any considerable Supplies into *Ireland*; without which, their Power there, was not like to be Formidable. Thirdly, which was a greater Encouragement than the other two, he had

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during his abode in *England*, held a close correspondence with the Lord *Inchiquin*, President of the Province of *Munster* in *Ireland*, who had the full Power and Command of all the *English* Army there; which was a better Body of Men than the Parliament had in any other part of that Kingdom. That Lord was weary of his Masters, and did not think the Service he had done the Parliament (which indeed had been very great, and without which it is very probable that whole Kingdom had been united to his Majesty's Service) well requited; and did really and heartily abhor the Proceedings of the Parliament, and Army, towards the King; and did therefore resolve to redeem what he had formerly done amiss, with exposing all he had for his Majesty's Restoration; and had frankly promis'd the Marquis to receive him into *Munster*, as the King's Lieutenant of that Kingdom; and that That whole Province, and Army, should pay him all Obedience; and that against the time he should be sure of his presence, he would make a Cessation with the *Irish* in Order to a firm conjunction of that whole Kingdom for the King. After the Marquis came into *France*, he receiv'd still Letters from that Lord to hasten his Journey thither.

THESE were the Motives which dispos'd the Marquis to comply with the Queen's, and the Prince's Command to prepare himself for that Expedition; and so he conserted all things with the *Irish* Commissioners; who return'd into their Country, with promises to dispose their General Assembly to consent to those Conditions as might not bring a greater prejudice to the King, than any conjunction with them could be of advantage.

THE Parliament had too many Spies, and Agents at *Paris*, not to be inform'd of whatsoever was whisper'd there; but whether they undervalued any conjunction with the *Irish* (for of the Lord *Inchiquin* they had no suspicion) or were confident of the Cardinal's kindness, that he would not advance any design against them, they were not so apprehensive of Trouble from *Ireland* as they were of their Brethren from *Scotland*; where they heard of great preparations, and of a purpose to call a Parliament, and to raise an Army; which, they believ'd, would find too many Friends in *England*, the Presbyterian Party holding up their Heads again, both in the Parliament, and the City. Besides, they knew that some Persons of Quality and Interest, who had serv'd the King in good Command in the late War, were gone into *Scotland*, and well receiv'd there; which, they thought, would draw the King's Party together upon the first appearance.

AFTER the King had been so infamously deliver'd up to the Parliament by the *Scots* at *New-Castle*, and as soon as the

Army had possessed themselves of him, that Nation was in terrible Apprehension that the Officers of the Army would have made their Peace, and established their own greatness by restoring the King to his just Rights, of which they had so foully depriv'd him; and then the conscience of their guilt made them presume, what Their Lot must be; and therefore the same Commissioners who had been joyn'd with the Committee of Parliament in all the Transactions, made haste to *Westminster* again to their old Seats, to keep their Interest: which was great in all the Presbyterian Party, both of Parliament and City; for there remain'd still the same profession of maintaining the strict Union between the two Kingdoms and that all Transactions should be by joyn't Counsels. And as soon as the King appear'd with some shew of Liberty, and his own Servants had leave to attend him, no Men appear'd with more confidence than the *Scottish* Commissioners; the Earl of *Lowden*, the Earl of *Lautherdale*, and the rest; as if they had been the Men who had contriv'd his Restoration: No Men in so frequent Whispers with the King; and they found some way to get themselves so much believ'd by the Queen with whom they held a diligent Correspondence, that her Majesty very earnestly perswaded the King "To trust them "as the only Persons who had Power and Credit to do his "Service, and to redeem him from the Captivity he was in *Duke Hamilton*, who had been sent Prisoner by the King to the Castle of *Pendennis*, and had been deliver'd from thence by the Army, when that place was taken in the end of the War, had enjoyed his Liberty at *London*, and in his own House at *Chelsey*, as long as he thought fit, that is, near as long as the King was with the *Scottish* Army and at *New-Castle*; and some time before his Majesty was deliver'd up to the Parliament Commissioners, he went into *Scotland* to his own House at *Hamilton*; looked upon by that Nation as one who had unjustly suffer'd under the King's Jealousy, and displeasure and who remain'd still very faithful to him; and during the time that he remain'd in and about *London*, he found mean to converse with many of the King's Party, and made great professions that he would do the King a very signal Service which he desired them to assure his Majesty of; and seem'd exceedingly troubled and ashamed at his Country Men's giving up the King. His having no share in that infamy made him the more trusted in *England*, and to be receiv'd with the more respect in *Scotland* by all those who abhorr'd that Transaction.

Duke Hamilton goes into Scotland.

THE Commissioners who attended his Majesty, made great Apologies for what had been done, imputing it wholly to the "Malice and power of the Marquis of *Argyle*, and to his "Credi

“Credit, and Authority in the Council, and in the Army; so that nothing could be done which was desir’d by Honest Men; but that now Duke *Hamilton* was amongst them, who they knew was most devoted to his Majesty, they should be able to over-power *Argyle*; and the proceedings of the Army and the Parliament, were so foul, and so contrary to their publick Faith, that they were confident that all *Scotland* would rise as one Man for his Majesty’s defence and vindication; and they were well assured, there would such a Party in *England* of those who were faithful to his Majesty, appear at the same time, that there would be little question of being able, between them, to be hard enough for that part of the Army that would oppose them; which his Majesty knew well was resolv’d by many Persons of Honour, who afterwards perform’d what they had promised.

WHEN the Commissioners had, by these Insinuations, gain’d new Credit with the King, and had undertaken, that their Invading *England* with an Army equal to the undertaking, should be the foundation upon which all other hopes were to depend (for no attempt in *England* could be reasonable before such an Invasion, which was likewise to be hasten’d, that it might be at the same time when the Marquis of *Ormond* should appear in *Ireland*) they begun to propose to him many Conditions, which should be necessary for his Majesty to engage himself to perform towards that Nation; without which it would not be easy to induce it into so unanimous a Consent and Engagement, as was necessary for such an Enterprize. They requir’d, as a thing without which nothing was to be undertaken, “That the Prince of *Wales* should be present with them, and march in the head of their Army; and desired that advertisement, and order, might be sent to that purpose to the Queen, and the Prince, at *Paris*; that so his Highness might be ready for the Voyage, as soon as they should be prepared to receive him. The King would by no means consent that the Prince should go into *Scotland*, being too well acquainted with the manners and fidelity of that Party there; but he was contented, that when they should have enter’d *England* with their Army, then the Prince of *Wales* should put himself in the head of them. They demanded, that such a number of *Scots*-men should be always in the Court, of the Bed-Chamber, and all other places about the Persons of the King, and Prince, and Duke of *York*: That *Berwick* and *Carlisle*, should be put into the hands of the *Scots*; and some other Concessions with reference to the Northern Counties; which trench’d so far upon the Honour and Interest of the *English*, that his Majesty utterly refused to consent to it; and so the Agreement was not concluded

*The Commissioners of Scotland’s private Treaty with the King at Hampton Court.*

Which Treaty was renewed; and He Sign'd it at the Isle of Wight.

when the King left *Hampton Court*. But, as soon as he was at the Isle of *Wight*, the *Scottish* Commissioners repaired to him, at the same time with those who were sent to him from the Parliament for his Royal Assent to those four Bills spoken of before; then in that season of despair, they prevail'd with him to Sign the Propositions he had formerly refused; and, having great apprehension from the Jealousies they knew the Army had of them, that they should be seized upon, and searched in their return to *London*, they made up their precious Contract in Lead; and buried it in a Garden in the Isle of *Wight*; from whence they easily found means afterwards to receive it. So constant were those Men to their Principles, and so wary to be sure to be no losers by returning to their Allegiance; to which neither Conscience nor Honour did invite or dispose them. So after a stay of some Months at *London* to adjust all Accounts, and receive the remainder of those Monies they had so dearly earn'd, or so much of it as they had hope would be paid, they return'd to *Scotland*, with the hatred and contempt of the Army, and the Parliament, that was then govern'd by it; but with the veneration of the Presbyterian Party, which still had faith in them, and exceedingly depended upon their future Negotiation; which was now incumbent upon them: and in order thereunto, a fast intercourse and correspondence was settled, as well by constant Letters, as by frequent Emissaries of their Clergy, or other Persons, whose devotion to their Combination was unquestionable.

It can never be enough wonder'd at that the *Scottish* Presbyterians, being a watchful and crafty People, the principal of whom were as unrestrain'd by Conscience as any of the Officers of the Army were, and only intended their particular advantage and ambition, should yet hope to carry on their Interest by such conditions, and limitations, as all wise Men saw must absolutely ruin and destroy it. They knew well enough the Spirit of their own People, and that though it would be no hard matter to draw a numerous Army enough together, yet that being together it would be able to do very little towards any vigorous attempt; and therefore their chief dependence was upon the Assistance they should find ready to joyn with them in *England*. It is true, they did believe the Body of the Presbyterians in *England* to be much more considerable than in truth it was; yet they did, or might have known, that the most considerable Persons who in the contest with the other Faction were content to be thought Presbyterians, were so only as they thought it might restore the King; which they more impatiently desired, than any alteration in the Government of the Church; and that they did heartily intend a conjunction with all the Royal Party, upon whose Interest,

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Conduct, and Courage, they did more rely than upon the power of the *Scots*; who did publickly profess that all the King's Friends should be most welcome, and receiv'd by them; nor did they trust any one Presbyterian in *England* with the Knowledge of the Particulars contain'd in the Agreement with the King; but concealed it between the three Persons who transacted it, and if it had been known, *Cromwell* might as easily have overrun the Country before their Army Invaded *England*, as he did afterwards; nor would one *English* Man have joyn'd with them. Besides the infamous Circumstances by which they extorted Concessions from the King, which would have render'd any Contract odious (it being made in those four days, which were all that were assign'd both to the *English* and *Scotish* Commissioners; so that his Majesty had not only no time to advise with others, but could not advise with Himself upon so many monstrous Particulars as were demanded of him by both Kingdoms; which if he could have done, he would no more then have submitted to them, than he did afterwards upon long deliberation, and when his Life appear'd to be in more manifest danger by his refusal) the Particulars themselves were the most scandalous, and derogatory to the Honour and Interest of the *English* Nation; and would have been abominated, if known and understood, by all Men, with all possible indignation.

AFTER they had made his Majesty give a good Testimony of their League and Covenant, in the Preface of their Agreement, and "That the intentions of those who had enter'd into it, were real for the preservation of his Majesty's Person and Authority, according to their Allegiance, and no ways to diminish his just Power and Greatness, they obliged him as soon as he could, with Freedom, Honour, and Safety, be present in a free Parliament, to confirm the said League and Covenant by Act of Parliament in both Kingdoms, for the security of all who had taken, or should take it. It is true, they admitted a Proviso, "That none who was unwilling, should be constrain'd to take it. They likewise oblig'd his Majesty "To confirm by Act of Parliament in *England*, Presbyterian Government; the Directory for worship; and the Assembly of Divines at *Westminster*, for three years; so that his Majesty, and his Household, should not be hinder'd from using that form of Divine Service he had formerly practiced; and that during those three years there should be a Consultation with the Assembly of Divines, to which twenty of the King's nomination should be added, and some from the Church of *Scotland*; and thereupon it should be determin'd by his Majesty, and the two Houses of Parliament, what form of Government should be establish'd after the expiration

The Substance of the Treaty Sign'd the 26. of Dec. 1647.

"tion of those years, as should be most agreeable to the word  
 "of God: that an effectual course should be taken by Act of  
 "Parliament, and all other ways needful or expedient, for the  
 "suppressing the opinions and practices of Anti-Trinitarians,  
 "Arians, Socinians, Anti-Scripturists, Anabaptists, Antino-  
 "mians, Armenians, Famylists, Brownists, Separatists, Inde-  
 "pendents, Libertines, and Seekers, and, generally, for the  
 "suppressing all Blasphemy, Heresy, Schism, and all such  
 "scandalous Doctrines and Practices as are contrary to the  
 "light of Nature, and to the known Principles of Christia-  
 "nity, whether concerning Faith, Worship, or Conversa-  
 "tion, or the power of Godliness; or which may be destru-  
 "ctive to Order and Government, or to the Peace of the  
 "Church or Kingdom. The King promised, "That in the  
 "next Session of Parliament, after the Kingdom of *Scotland*  
 "should declare for his Majesty, in pursuance of this Agree-  
 "ment, he should in Person, or by Commission, confirm the  
 "League and Covenant in that Kingdom; and concerning  
 all the Acts passed in the last Parliament of that Kingdom,  
 his Majesty declared, "That he should then likewise be con-  
 "tent to give assurance by Act of Parliament, that neither  
 "He, nor his Successors, should Quarrel, call in Question, or  
 "command the contrary of any of them, nor question any for  
 "giving Obedience to the same. Then they made a long re-  
 "cital of "The Agreement the Parliament of *England* had made,  
 "when the *Scots* Army return'd to *Scotland*, that the Army  
 "under *Fairfax* should be disbanded; and of that Army's sub-  
 "mitting thereunto; of their taking the King from *Holmby*,  
 "and keeping him Prisoner till he fled from them to the Isle  
 "of *Wight*; and since that time both his Majesty, and the  
 "Commissioners for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, had very earn-  
 "estly desir'd that the King might come to *London*, in safety,  
 "honour, and freedom, for a Personal Treaty with the two  
 "Houses and the Commissioners of the Parliament of *Scotland*;  
 "which, they said, had been granted, but that the Army  
 "had in violent manner, forced away divers Members of the  
 "Parliament from the discharge of their trust, and possessed  
 "themselves of the City of *London*, and all the Strengths, and  
 "Garrisons of the Kingdoms; and that by the strength, and  
 "influence of that Army, and their adherents, Propositions  
 "and Bills had been sent to the King without the advice and  
 "consent of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, contrary to the Treaties  
 "which are between the two Kingdoms, and destructive to  
 "Religion, his Majesty's just Rights, the Privileges of Parlia-  
 "ment, and Liberty of the Subject; from which Propositions,  
 "and Bills, the *Scottish* Commissioners had dissented, and pro-  
 "tested against, in the name of the Kingdom of *Scotland*.

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AFTER this preamble, and recital, they said, "That forasmuch as his Majesty is willing to give satisfaction concerning the settling Religion, and other matters in difference, as is exprest in this Agreement, the Kingdom of *Scotland* doth oblige and engage it self, first, in a peaceable way and manner to endeavour that the King may come to *London* in safety, honour, and freedom, for a Personal Treaty with the Houses of Parliament and the Commissioners of *Scotland*, upon such Propositions as should be mutually agreed on between the Kingdoms, and such Propositions as his Majesty should think fit to make; and for this end all Armies should be disbanded; and in case that this should not be granted, that Declarations should be emitted by the Kingdom of *Scotland* in pursuance of this Agreement, against the unjust proceedings of the two Houses of Parliament towards his Majesty and the Kingdom of *Scotland*; in which they would assert the Right that belonged to the Crown, in the power of the Militia, the Great Seal, bestowing of Honours and Offices of Trust, choice of the Privy Counsellors, and the Right of the King's Negative Voice in Parliament: And that the Queen's Majesty, the Prince, and the rest of the Royal Issue, ought to remain where his Majesty shall think fit in either of his Kingdoms, with safety, honour, and freedom: That, upon the issuing out this Declaration, an Army should be sent out of *Scotland* into *England*, for the preservation, and establishment of Religion; for defence of his Majesty's Person, and Authority, and restoring him to his Government, to the just Rights of the Crown, and his full Revenues; for defence of the Privileges of Parliament, and Liberties of the Subject; for making a firm Union between the Kingdoms under his Majesty, and his Posterity, and settling a lasting Peace. In pursuance whereof, the Kingdom of *Scotland* was to endeavour "That there might be a free and full Parliament in *England*, and that his Majesty may be with them in honour, safety, and freedom; and that a speedy period be set to the present Parliament. And they undertook, that the Army which they would raise, should be upon its march, before the Message and Declaration should be deliver'd to the Houses. It was farther agreed, "That all such in the Kingdoms of *England*, and *Ireland*, as would joyn with the Kingdom of *Scotland* in pursuance of this Agreement, should be protected by his Majesty in their Persons, and Estates; and that all his Majesty's Subjects in *England* or *Ireland* who would joyn with him, in pursuance of this Agreement, might come to the *Scottish* Army, and joyn with them, or else put themselves into other Bodies in *England* or *Wales*, for prosecution of the same ends, as

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“ the King’s Majesty should judge most convenient, and under such Commanders, or Generals of the *English* Nation, as his Majesty should think fit : And that all such should be protected by the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and their Army, in their Persons and Estates ; and where any injury or wrong is done unto them, they would be careful to see them fully repair’d, as far as it should be in their power to do ; and likewise when any injury or wrong is done to those who joyn with the Kingdom of *Scotland*, his Majesty shall be careful of their full reparation.

THEY obliged his Majesty to promise “ That neither himself, nor any by his Authority or Knowledge, should make or admit of any Cessation, Pacification, or Agreement whatsoever for Peace, nor of any Treaty, Propositions, Bills, or any other ways for that end, with the Houses of Parliament, or any Army or Party in *England*, or *Ireland*, without the advice and consent of the Kingdom of *Scotland* ; and, reciprocally, that neither the Kingdom of *Scotland*, nor any having their Authority, should make or admit of any of these any manner of way, with any whatsoever, without his Majesty’s advice or consent : And that, upon the settlement of a Peace, there should be an Act of Oblivion to be agreed on by his Majesty, and both his Parliaments of both Kingdoms : That his Majesty, the Prince, or both, should come into *Scotland* upon the invitation of that Kingdom, and their Declaration, that they should be in honour, freedom, and safety, when possibly they could come with safety, and convenience ; and that the King should contribute his utmost endeavour, both at home and abroad, for assisting the Kingdom of *Scotland* for carrying on this War by Sea and Land, and for their Supplies by Monies, Arms, Ammunition, and all other things requisite, as also for guarding the Coasts of *Scotland* with Ships, and protecting all their Merchants in the free exercise of their Trade and Commerce with other Nations ; and likewise that his Majesty was willing, and did Authorize the *Scottish* Army to possess themselves of *Berwick*, *Carlisle*, *New-Castle upon Tyne*, with the Castle of *Tinmouth*, and the Town of *Hartlepool* ; those places to be for Retreat, and Magazines ; and that, when the Peace of the Kingdom should be settled, the Kingdom of *Scotland* should remove their Forces, and deliver back again those Towns and Castles.

AND as if all this had not been recompence enough for the wonderful Service they were like to perform, they obliged the King to promise and undertake to pay, the remainder of that Brotherly Assistance which was yet unpaid upon the large Treaty after their first Invasion of *England*, and likewise

two hundred thousand pounds, which remain'd still due upon the last Treaty made with the Houses of Parliament for return of the *Scotish* Army, when they had deliver'd up the King; and also, "That payment should be made to the Kingdom of *Scotland*, for the charge and expence of their Army in this future War, with due recompence for the losses which they should sustain therein; and that due satisfaction, according to the Treaty on that behalf betwixt the two Kingdoms, should be made to the *Scotish* Army in *Ireland*, out of the Lands of the Kingdom, and otherwise: And that the King, according to the intention of his Father, should endeavour a compleat Union of the two Kingdoms, so as they may be one under his Majesty, and his Posterity; or if that cannot speedily be effected, that all Liberties and Privileges, concerning Commerce, Traffick, Manufactures, peculiar to the Subjects of either Nation, shall be common to the Subjects of both Kingdoms without distinction; and that there be a Communication, and mutual capacity, of all other Liberties of the Subjects in the two Kingdoms: That a competent number of Ships should be yearly assign'd and appointed out of his Majesty's Navy, which should attend the coasts of *Scotland*, for a Guard, and freedom of Trade of that Nation; and that his Majesty should declare that his Successors, as well as Himself, are obliged to the performance of the Articles, and Conditions of this Agreement; but that his Majesty shall not be obliged to the performance of the aforesaid Articles, until the Kingdom of *Scotland* shall declare for him in pursuance of this Agreement; and that the whole Articles, and Conditions aforesaid, shall be finished, perfected, and perform'd before the return of the *Scotish* Army; and that when they return into *Scotland*, at the same time, *simul & semel* all Armies should be disbanded in *England*. And for a compliment, and to give a relish to all the rest, the King engaged himself "to employ those of the *Scotish* Nation equally with the *English* in all Forreign Employments, and Negotiations; and that a third part of all the Offices and Places about the King, Queen, and Prince, should be confer'd upon some Persons of that Nation; and that the King and Prince, or one of them, will frequently reside in *Scotland*, that the Subjects of that Kingdom may be known to them. This Treaty and Agreement being thus presented to the King by the *Scotish* Commissioners in the Castle of *Carisbrook*, his Majesty was prevailed with to sign the same the 26<sup>th</sup> day of *December* 1647; and to oblige himself, "In the word of a King, to perform His part of the said Articles; and the Earl of *Lowden*, Chancellor of *Scotland*, and the Earl of *Lauterdale*, and the

the Earl of *Laurick*, being intrusted as Commissioners from that Kingdom, sign'd it likewise at the same time; and engaged themselves "Upon their Honour, Faith, and Conscience, "and all that is dear to Honest Men, to endeavour to the utmost of their power, that the Kingdom of *Scotland* should "engage to perform what was on its part to be perform'd; "which they were confident the Kingdom of *Scotland* would "do, and they themselves would hazard their Lives and Fortunes in pursuance thereof.

No Man, who reads this Treaty (which very few Men have ever done) can wonder that such an Engagement met with the fate that attended it; which contain'd so many monstrous Concessions, that, except the whole Kingdom of *England* had been likewise imprison'd in *Carisbrook* Castle with the King, it could not be imagined that it was possible to be perform'd; and the three Persons who were Parties to it, were too wise to believe that it could be punctually observ'd; which they used as the best Argument, and which only prevailed with the King, "That the Treaty was only made to "enable them to engage the Kingdom of *Scotland* to raise an "Army, and to unite it in his Majesty's Service; which less "than those Concessions would never induce them to do; "but when that Army should be enter'd into *England*, and "so many other Armies should be on foot of his *English* Subjects for the vindication of his Interest, there would be no "body to exact all those particulars; but every Body would "submit to what his Majesty should think fit to be done; which though it had been urged more than once before to induce the King to consent to other inconveniences, which they would never after release to him, did prevail with him at this time. And, to confirm him in the belief of it, they were contented that it should be inserted under the same Treaty, as it was, "That his Majesty should declare, that by "the Clause of confirming Presbyterian Government by Act "of Parliament, he is neither obliged to desire the settling "Presbyterian Government, nor to present any Bills to that "effect; and that he likewise understands that no Person "whatsoever shall suffer in his Estate, nor undergo any Corporal punishment, for not submitting to Presbyterian Government; his Majesty understanding that this indemnity "should not extend to those who are mention'd in the Article "against Toleration: and to this the three Earls likewise subscribed their hands, "As Witnesses only, as they said, that his "Majesty had made that Declaration in their presence, not "as Assenters; so wary they were of administering jealousy to their Matters, or of being thought to be less rigid in so Fundamental a Point, as they knew that would be thought to be.

T H E R E

THERE was a wonderful difference, throughout their whole proceedings, between the heads of those who were thought to sway the Presbyterian Councils, and those who govern'd the Independents, though they were equally Masters of dissimulation, and had equally malice and wickedness in their Intentions, though not of the same kind, and were equally unrestrain'd by any scruples or motions of Conscience, the Independents always doing that, which how ill and unjustifiable soever, contributed still to the end they aimed at, and to the conclusion they meant to bring to pass; whereas the Presbyterians, for the most part, did somewhat that reasonably must destroy their own end, and cross that which they first and principally design'd; and there were two Reasons that might naturally produce this ill Success to the Latter, at least hinder'd the even progress and current which favour'd the other. First, their Councils were most distracted and divided, being made up of many Men, whose humours and natures must be observ'd, and complied with, and whose concurrence was necessary to the carrying on the same designs, though their Inclinations did not concur in them; whereas the other Party was entirely led and govern'd by two or three, to whom they resign'd, implicitly, the conduct of their Interest; who advanced, when they saw it seasonable, and stood still, or retired, or even declined the way they best liked, when they saw any inconvenient jealousy awaken'd by the Progress they had made.

IN the second place, the Presbyterians, by whom I mean the *Scots*, form'd all their Councils by the Inclinations, and Affections of the People; and first consider'd how they might corrupt, and seduce, and dispose them to second their purposes; and how far they might depend upon their concurrence and assistance, before they resolv'd to make any attempt; and this made them in such a degree submit to their senseless, and wretched Clergy; whose infectious breath corrupted, and govern'd the People, and whose Authority was prevalent upon their own Wives, and in their Domestick Affairs; and yet they never communicated to them more than the outside of their designs: Whereas, on the other side, *Cromwell*, and the few others with whom he Consulted, first consider'd what was absolutely necessary to their main and determin'd end; and then, whether it were right or wrong, to make all other means subservient to it; to couzen and deceive Men, as long as they could induce them to contribute to what they desired, upon Motives how foreign soever; and when they would keep company with them no longer, or farther serve their purposes, to compel them by force to submit to what they should not be able to oppose; and so the one resolv'd, only

*The Author's judgement of the different Conduct of the two Parties, the Independent English, and the Presbyterian Scots.*

to do what they believ'd the People would like and approve ; and the other, that the People should like and approve what they had resolv'd. And this difference in the measures they took, was the true cause of so different Success in all they undertook. *Machiavel*, in this, was in the right, though he got an ill name by it with those who take what he says from the report of other Men, or do not enough consider themselves what he says, and his method in speaking : ( He was as great an Enemy to Tyranny and Injustice in any Government, as any Man then was, or now is ; and says ) " That a Man were  
 " better be a Dog than be subject to those Passions and Appetites, which possess all Unjust, and Ambitious, and Tyrannical Persons ; but he confesses, " That they who are so transported, and have entertain'd such wicked designs as are void  
 " of all Conscience, must not think to prosecute them by the  
 " rules of Conscience, which was laid aside, or subdued, before they enter'd upon them ; they must make no scruple of  
 " doing all those impious things which are necessary to compass and support the Impiety to which they have devoted  
 " themselves ; and therefore he commends *Cesar Borgia* for  
 " not being startled with breach of Faith, Perjuries, and Murders, for the removal of those Men who he was sure would  
 " cross, and enervate the whole Enterprize he had resolv'd, and addicted himself to ; and blames those Usurpers, who  
 " had made themselves Tyrants, for hoping to support a Government by Justice, which they had assumed unjustly, and  
 " which having wickedly attempted, they manifestly lost by not being wicked enough. The common old Adage, " That  
 " he who hath drawn his Sword against his Prince, ought to throw away the Scabbard, never to think of sheathing it again, will still hold good ; and they who enter upon unwarrantable Enterprizes, must pursue many unwarrantable ways to preserve themselves from the penalty of the first guilt.

*CROMWELL*, though the greatest Dissembler living, always made his Hypocrisy of singular use and benefit to him ; and never did any thing, how ungracious or imprudent soever it seem'd to be, but what was necessary to the design ; even his roughness and unpolishedness, which, in the beginning of the Parliament, he affected contrary to the smoothness, and complacency, which his Cousin, and bosom Friend, *M<sup>r</sup> Hambden* practiced towards all Men, was necessary ; and his first publick Declaration, in the beginning of the War, to his Troop when it was first Muster'd, " That he would not deceive  
 " or couzen them by the perplexed and involv'd expressions in his Commission, to Fight for King and Parliament ; and therefore told them, " That if the King chanced to be in the  
 " Body of the Enemy that he was to Charge, he would as-  
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“soon discharge his Pistol upon him, as any other private  
 “Person; and if their Conscience would not permit them to  
 “do the like, he advised them not to lift themselves in his  
 “Troop, or under his Command; which was generally look-  
 ed upon as imprudent, and malicious, and might, by the pro-  
 fessions the Parliament then made, have prov'd dangerous to  
 him; yet serv'd his turn, and sever'd from others, and united  
 among themselves, all the furious, and incens'd Men against  
 the Government, whether Ecclesiastical or Civil, to look up-  
 on him as a Man for their turn, upon whom they might de-  
 pend, as one who would go through his work that he under-  
 took. And his strict and unfociable Humour in not keeping  
 company with the other Officers of the Army in their Jollities,  
 and Excesses, to which most of the superior Officers under the  
 Earl of *Essex* were inclined, and by which he often made  
 himself ridiculous or contemptible, drew all those of the like  
 four or reserv'd Natures, to his Society and Conversation, and  
 gave him opportunity to form their Understandings, Inclina-  
 tions, and Resolutions, to his own Model. By this he grew  
 to have a wonderful Interest in the Common Soldiers, out of  
 which, as his Authority increased, he made all his Officers,  
 well instructed how to live in the same manner with their  
 Soldiers, that they might be able to apply them to their own  
 purposes: whilst he looked upon the Presbyterian Humour  
 as the best incentive to Rebellion, no Man more a Presby-  
 terian; he sung all Psalms with them to their Tunes, and  
 lov'd the longest Sermons as much as they; but when he dis-  
 cover'd that they would prescribe some limits and bounds to  
 their Rebellion, that it was not well breathed, and would ex-  
 pire as soon as some few particulars were granted to them in  
 Religion, which he cared not for; and then that the Go-  
 vernment must run still in the same Channel; it concern'd  
 him to make it believ'd “That the State had been more De-  
 “linquent than the Church, and that the People suffer'd more  
 “by the Civil than by the Ecclesiastical Power; and therefore  
 “that the Change of one, would give them little ease, if there  
 “were not as great an alteration in the other, and if the  
 “whole Government in both were not reform'd, and alter'd;  
 which though it made him generally odious at first, and ir-  
 reconciled many of his old Friends to him; yet it made those  
 who remain'd, more cordial and firm: he could better com-  
 pute his own strength, and upon whom he might depend.  
 This discovery made him contrive the new Model of the  
 Army; which was the most unpopular Act, and disobliged all  
 those who first contrived the Rebellion, and who were the  
 very Soul of it; and yet, if he had not brought that to pass,  
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and changed a General, who, though not very sharp-sighted, would never be govern'd, nor applied to any thing he did not like, for another who had no Eyes, and so would be willing to be led, all his designs must have come to nothing, and He remain'd a private Colonel of Horfe, not considerable enough to be in any figure upon an advantageous Composition.

AFTER all the Successes of his new Model, he saw his Army was ballanced by that of the *Scots*, who took themselves to have equal merit with the other, and was thought to have contributed no less towards the suppression of the King, than that under *Fairfax* had done; and after all the Victories, and Reduction of the King to that lowness, desired still a composition, and to submit again to the Subjection of the King; nor was it yet time for him to own or communicate his resolution to the contrary, lest even many of those who wished the extirpation of Monarchy, might be startled at the difficulty of the Enterprize, and with the Power that was like to oppose them. He was therefore first to incense the People against the *Scotish* Nation, "As being a mercenary aid, entertain'd at a  
" vast Charge to the Kingdom, that was only to be paid their  
" Wages, and to be dismissed, without having the honour to  
" judge with them upon what conditions the King should  
" be receiv'd, and restor'd; the accomplishing whereof, ought  
" to be the particular Glory of the Parliament without a Ri-  
" val, and that the King might owe the benefit wholly to  
" them. And this was as popular an Argument as he could embark himself in, the whole Kingdom in general having at that time a great detestation of the *Scots*; and they who most desired the King's Restoration, wish'd that he might have as little obligation to them as was possible, and that they might have as little credit afterwards with him. With this universal Applause, he compelled the *Scotish* Army to depart the Kingdom, with that circumstance as must ever after render them odious and infamous. There now seem'd nothing more dangerous and destructive to the power and interest of the *English* Army, in so general a discontent throughout the Kingdom, than a division, and mutiny within it self; that the Common Soldiers should erect an Authority distinct from their Officers, by which they would choose to govern against their Superior Commanders, at least without them, and to fancy that they had an Interest of their own sever'd from theirs, for the preservation whereof they were to trust none but themselves; which had scarce ever been heard of before in any Army, and was looked upon as a presage of the ruin of the whole, and of those who had adhered to them; yet, if he had  
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not raised this seditious Spirit in the Army, he could not have prevented the disbanding some part of it, and sending another part of it into *Ireland*, before the *Scots* left *New-Castle*; nor have been able to have taken the King from *Holmby* into the hands of the Army, after the *Scots* were gone. And after all his Hypocrisy towards the King and his Party, by which he prevented many inconveniencies which might have befallen him, he could never have been rid of him again so unreproachfully, as by his changing his own countenance, and giving cause to the King to suspect the safety of his Person, and thereupon to make his Escape from the Army; by which his Majesty quickly became a Prisoner, and so was deprived of any resort, from whence many mischiefs might have proceeded to have disturbed his Counsels. How constantly he pursued this method in his subsequent Actions, will be observ'd in its place.

CONTRARY to this the Presbyterian *Scots* proceeded, in all their Actions after their first Invasion in the year 1640, and always interwove some Conditions in their Counsels and Transactions, which did not only prove, but, in the instant, might have been discern'd to be, diametrically opposite to their publick Interest, and to their particular Designs. It is very true, that their first Invasion, saving their breach of Allegiance, might have some excuse from their Interest. They were a poor People, and though many particular Men of that Nation had receiv'd great Bounties, and were exceedingly enriched in the Court of *England* by King *James* and the present King, yet those particular Men who had been, and then were in the Court, were, for the most part, Persons of little Interest in *Scotland*; nor was that Kingdom at all enriched by the conjunction with this; and they thought themselves exposed to some late pressures, which were new to them, and which their Preachers told them "Were against Conscience, and an Invasion of their Religion; from which they had vindicated themselves so rudely, and unwarrantably, that they might well expect to be called to an account hereafter, if those Persons whom they had most provoked, retain'd their interest still with the King, and in his Councils; from whom they were promised to be secured, and to be well paid for their pains, if they would, by marching into *England* with an Army, give their Friends their countenance to own their own grievances, and so to procure relief and security for both Kingdoms. In this Enterprize, the Success crown'd their work; they were thought a Wise, and Resolute Nation; and after an unbloody War of above a year, they return'd into their Country laden with Spoils and great Riches; and were

liberally rewarded, as well for going out, as for coming into *England*. But from their return from this Expedition, their whole true Interest consisted in, and depended upon, an entire adhering to the King, and vindicating his Honour and Interest from all Assaults; and their being suborn'd afterwards (when the King was in a hopeful way to have reduced his *English* Rebels to their Obedience, by the strength and power of his Arms) to make a second Invasion of the Kingdom, was a weak and childish Engagement, directly opposite to their Interest, except they had at the same time a Resolution to have changed their own Government, and for ever to have renounced Subjection to Monarchy (which was never in their purpose to do) or to withdraw it from the present King. Again, when his Majesty had trusted them so far (which they had never reason to expect) as to put his Royal Person into their hands, and thereby given them an opportunity to redeem themselves in the Eyes of the World, and to undo some part of the mischief they had done, it was surely their Interest to have joyn'd cordially with him, and firmly to have united themselves to his Party in vindication of the Law, and the Government established; and if they had not had the Courage at that time to have looked the *English* Army in the face, as apparently they had not, it had been their Interest to have retired with the King in the Head of their Army into *Scotland*; and, leaving good Garrisons in *New-Castle*, *Berwick*, and *Carlisle*, all which were in their possession, to have expected a Revolution in *England* from the Divisions amongst themselves, and from some conjunction with a strong Body of the King's *English* Party, which would quickly have found themselves together; but the delivery of the King up, besides the Infamy of it, was, in view, destructive to all that could be thought their Interest.

AFTER all this, when they found themselves couzen'd and deceiv'd in all the measures they had taken, and laughed at and despis'd by those who had deceiv'd them, to have a new opportunity to serve the King, and then to insist upon such Conditions as must make it impossible for them to serve him effectually, was such a degree of weakness, and a deprav'd understanding, that they can never be looked upon as Men who knew what their Interest was, or what was necessary to advance their own designs. And yet we shall be obliged to observe how incorrigibly they adher'd to this obstinate and froward Method, in all the Transactions they afterwards had with the King; all which turn'd, as it could not but do, to their own Ruin, and the Destruction of that Idol they Ador'd, and paid their Devotion to. But it is time to return to our discourse,

discourse, from whence this tedious digression hath misled us.

ALL Designs and Negotiations, abroad and at home, being in this state and condition, the King remain'd under a strict, and disconsolate imprisonment, no Man being suffer'd to speak with him, and all diligence used to intercept all Letters which might pass to, or from him; yet he found means, sometimes, by the affection and fidelity of some Inhabitants of the Island, to receive important Advertisements from his Friends; and to write to and receive Letters from the Queen; and so he inform'd her of the *Scottish* Transaction, and of all the other hopes he had; and seem'd to have some ease; and looked upon it as a good Omen, that in that desperate lowness of his Fortune, and notwithstanding all the care that was taken that none should be about him but Men of inhuman tempers and natures, void of all reverence towards God and Man, his Majesty's gracious disposition, and generous Affability still wrought upon some Soldier, or other Person placed about him, to undertake, and perform some Offices of trust, in conveying Papers to and from him. So great a force and influence had Natural duty; or some desperate Men had so much craft, and forecast, to lay out a little application that might bring advantage to them in such a change as they neither looked for, nor desired. But many who did undertake to perform those Offices, did not make good what they promised; which made it plain, they were permitted to get credit, that they might the more usefully betray.

*The King's condition in the Isle of Wight at this time:*

IN the Parliament, there was no opposition or contradiction in any thing relating to the Publick; but in all those Transactions which concern'd particular Persons, with reference to Rewards, Preferments, or matter of Profit, Men were consider'd according to the Party they were of; every day those receiv'd benefit who had appear'd most to adhere to the Army; the notorious Presbyterians were removed from places of Profit and Authority; which vexed them; and well prepared and disposed them to be ready for revenge. But the Pulpit-Skirmishes were higher than ever; the Presbyterians, in Those fields, losing nothing of their Courage, having a notorious power in the City, notwithstanding the emulation of the Independents, who were more Learned and Rational; who, though they had not so great Congregations of the Common People, yet infected, and were follow'd by, the most substantial, and wealthy Citizens; and by others of better condition. To these Men *Cromwell*, and most of the Officers of the Army adhered, with bitterness against the other. But the Divinity of the time was not to be judged by the Preach-

*The present condition of the Parliament.*

ing, and Congregations in Churches, which were now thought not to be the fit and proper places for Devotion and Religious Assemblies, where the Bishops had exercised such illimited Tyranny, and which had been polluted by their Original Consecrations. Liberty of Conscience was now become the great Charter; and Men who were *inspired*, Breached and Prayed, when, and where they would. *Cromwell* himself was the greatest Preacher; and most of the Officers of the Army, and many Common Soldiers, shew'd their *gifts* that way, Anabaptists grew very numerous, with whom the Independents concurr'd so far as to joyn with them for the utter abolishing of Tithes, as of Judaical Institution; which was now the patrimony of the Presbyterians, and therefore prosecuted by one Party, and defended by the other, with equal Passion, and Animosity. If any honest Man could have been at so much ease as to have beheld the prospect with delight, never was such a scene of Confusion, as at this time had spread it self over the face of the whole Kingdom.

The Prince's  
condition at  
Paris.

DURING all this time, the Prince remain'd at *Paris* under the Government of his Mother; exercised with that strictness, that though his Highness was above the Age of seventeen years, it was not desired that he should meddle in any business, or be sensible of the unhappy condition the Royal Family was in. The Assignation which was made by the Court of *France* for the better support of the Prince, was annexed to the Monthly allowance given to the Queen, and receiv'd by Her, and distributed as she thought fit; such Cloaths and other necessaries provided for his Highness as were thought convenient; her Majesty desiring to have it thought that the Prince lived entirely upon her, and that it would not consist with the dignity of the Prince of *Wales* to be a Pensioner to the King of *France*. Hereby none of his Highness's Servants had any pretence to ask Money, but they were to be contented with what should be allow'd to them; which was dispensed with a very sparing hand; nor was the Prince himself ever Master of ten Pistols to dispose as he desir'd. The Lord *Fermyn* was the Queen's chief Officer, and govern'd all Her receipts, and he lov'd plenty so well, that he would not be without it, whatever others suffer'd. All who had any relation to the Prince, were to implore His aid; and the Prince himself could obtain nothing but by Him; which made most Persons of Honour of the *English* Nation who were driven into Banishment, as many of the Nobility and chief Gentry of the Kingdom then were, chose rather to make their residence in any other place, as *Caen*, *Roan*, and the like, than in *Paris*, where the Prince was, and could do so little: nor

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was this Oeconomy well liked even in *France*, nor the Prince himself so much respected as he would have been if he had liv'd more like himself, and appear'd more concern'd in his own Business.

WHEN the Marquis of *Ormond* came thither, he was receiv'd very graciously by the Queen, and consulted with in all things, being the Person most depended upon to begin to give a turn to their Fortune, recommended to them by the King, and of the most universal Reputation of any Subject the King had. He press'd a speedy dispatch, that he might pursue his design in *Ireland*; where he longed to be, whilst the Affairs of that Kingdom were no more taken to heart by the Parliament, who had yet sent no supplies thither. He inform'd the Queen, and the Lord *Fermyn*, of the necessity of hastning that work, which they understood well enough by the *Irish* Commissioners; who had been there, and had been sent back with a million of promises, a Coyn that Court always abounded with, and made most of its payments in.

WHEN the Queen, who was as zealous for the dispatch as was possible, press'd the Queen Regent, and the Cardinal, upon it, she receiv'd in words all the satisfaction imaginable, and assurance that all things should be speedily provided; and when the Marquis spoke first with the Cardinal upon the subject, he found him well disposed; making such ample promises for a very good Sum of Money, and such a Proportion of Arms, and Ammunition, as could be wish'd. So that he thought he had no more to do, but to appoint the place for his Embarkation, that those Provisions might be sent thither to meet him; and that he should be ready to Transport himself within a very short time; of which he gave notice to those who expected him in *Ireland*, and prepared all his own Accommodations accordingly. But he was very much disappointed in his expectation; the Cardinal was not so confident of the recovery of the King's Affairs as to disoblige the Parliament by contributing towards it: so that Affair advanced very slowly.

HAVING now, contrary to the order formerly observ'd by Me crowded in all the particular passages, and important Transactions of two whole years in this Book, that I might not interrupt, or discontinue the relation of the mysterious Proceedings of the Army, their great Hypocrisy, and Dissimulation, practiced towards the King and his Party, and then their pulling off their Mask, and appearing in their natural dress of Inhumanity and Savageness, with the vile Artifices of the *Scottish* Commissioners to draw the King into their hands,

and then their low and base compliance, and gross folly in delivering him up, and lastly their absurd and merchandly Trafficking with him for the price of returning to their Allegiance, when there was no other way of preserving themselves, and their Nation from being destroyed, the many woful Tragedies of the next year, which filled the World with amazement and horror, must be the subject of the discourse in the next Book.

THE END OF THE TENTH BOOK.

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History of the Rebellion, &c.  
B O O K XI.

Deut. XXIX. 24.

*Even all Nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this Land? What meaneth the heat of this great Anger?*

Lam. II. 7.

*The Lord hath cast off his Altar; he hath abhorred his Sanctuary; he hath given up into the hand of the Enemy the Walls of his Palaces; they have made a noise in the House of the Lord as in the day of a solemn feast.*



**I**F a universal discontent and murmuring of the three Nations, and almost as general a detestation both of Parliament and Army, and a most passionate desire that all their follies and madness might be forgotten in restoring the King to all they had taken from him, and in settling that blessed Government they had deprived themselves of, could have contributed to his Majesty's recovery, never People were better disposed to erect and repair again the Building they had so maliciously thrown and pulled down. In *England* there was a general discontent amongst all sorts of Men; many Officers and Soldiers who had serv'd the Parliament from the beginning of the War, and given too great Testimonies of their Courage and Fidelity to their Party, and had been disbanded upon the new Model, look'd upon the present Army with hatred, as those who reaped the Harvest and Reward of their Labours,

*The Temper of the Nation at this time.*

and spake of them and against them in all places accordingly: The Nobility and Gentry who had advanced the Credit and Reputation of the Parliament by concurring with it against the King, found themselves totally neglected, and the most inferior People prefer'd to all places of trust and profit: The Presbyterian Ministers talked very loud; their Party appear'd to be very numerous, and the expectation of an attempt from *Scotland*, and the importunity and clamour from *Ireland*, for supplies of Men and Money against the *Irish*, who grew powerful, raised the Courage of all discontented Persons to meet and confer together, and all to inveigh against the Army, and the Officers who corrupted it. The Parliament bore no reproach so concernedly, as that of "The want of supplies to *Ireland*, and that, having "so great an Army without an Enemy, they would not spare "any part of it to preserve that Kingdom. This Argument made a new warmth in the House of Commons, they who had been silent, and given over insisting upon the insolence and presumption of the Army, which had prevailed, and crush'd them, took now new Spirit, and pressed the relief of *Ireland* with great earnestness, and in order thereunto made great inquisition into the expences of the Money, and how such vast Sums receiv'd had been disburs'd; which was a large Field, and led them to many Mens doors upon whom they were willing to be revenged.

*The Affairs of Ireland during the Lord Lisle's being there.*

THERE was a design this way to get the Presbyterians again into power, and that they might get the Command of an Army for the subduing the Rebels in *Ireland*. *Cromwell* had, for the quieting the Clamours from thence, got the Lord *Lisle*, eldest Son to the Earl of *Leicester*, to be sent under the Title of Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom thither, with a Commission for a limited time. He had Landed in *Munster*, either out of the Jealousy they had of the Lord *Inchiquin*, or because the best part of their Army of *English* were under his Command in that Province. But that Expedition gave the *English* no relief, nor weaken'd the power or strength of the *Irish*, but rather increased their Reputation by the Faction and Bitterness that was between the Lieutenant, and the President, who writ Letters of complaint one against the other to the Parliament, where they had both their Parties which adhered to them. So that, the time of his Commission being expired, and the contrary Party not suffering it to be renew'd, the Lord *Lisle* return'd again into *England*, leaving the Lord *Inchiquin*, whom he meant to have destroy'd, in the entire possession of the Command, and in greater Reputation than he was before. And, in truth, he had preserv'd both with wonderful dexterity, expecting every day the Arrival of the Marquis of *Ormond*, and every day informing the Parliament of

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the ill Condition he was in, and pressing for a supply of Men and Money, when he knew they would send neither.

UPON the return of the Lord *Lisle* the Presbyterians renew'd their design, and caused Sr *William Waller* to be named for Deputy or Lieutenant of *Ireland*, the rather (over and above his merit, and the experience they had had of his Service) because he could quickly draw together those Officers and Soldiers which had serv'd under him, and were now disbanded, and would willingly again engage under their old General. At the first, *Cromwell* did not oppose this motion, but consented to it, being very willing to be rid both of *Waller*, and all the Officers who were willing to go with him, who he knew were not his Friends, and watch'd an opportunity to be even with him. But when he saw *Waller* insist upon great Supplies to carry with him, as he had reason to do, and when he consider'd of what consequence it might be to him and all his designs, if a well form'd and disciplined Army should be under the power of *Waller*, and such Officers, he changed his mind; and first set his Instruments to cross such a supply of Men and Money, as he had propos'd; "The one, as more than necessary for the Service, and the other as more than they could spare from their other occasions: And when this check was put to *Waller's* Engagement, he caus'd *Lambert* to be propos'd for that Expedition, a Man who was then fast to the same Interest He embrac'd, and who had gotten a great Name in the Army. He formaliz'd so long upon this, that *Ireland* remain'd still unsupplied, and their Affairs there seem'd to be in a very ill Condition.

*Waller* nominated General there, but oppos'd by *Cromwell*; who propos'd *Lambert*.

THE *Scots* made so much noise of their purposes, even before their Commissioners left *London*, and gave such constant Advertisements of the impatience of their Country-men to be in Arms for the King, though they made no haste in providing for such an Expedition, that both the Presbyterians, who were their chief Correspondents, and the Royal Party, bethought themselves how they might be ready; the one, that they might redeem themselves from their former Guilt, and the other, that they might not only have a good part in freeing the King from his Imprisonment, but be able to preserve him in Liberty from any Presbyterian Impositions, which they still apprehended the *Scots* might endeavour to oppose, though they had no suspicion of the Engagement lately mention'd at the Isle of *Wight*.

THE Earl of *Holland*, who had done twice very notoriously amiss, and had been, since his return from *Oxford*, notably despis'd by all Persons of Credit in the Parliament and the Army, had a mind to redeem his former faults by a new and thorough Engagement. He had much Credit by

The Earl of *Holland* prepares to rise with the Duke of *Bucks* and others.

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descent and by alliance with the Presbyterian Party, and was privy to the undertakings of *Scotland*, and had constant Intelligence of the advance that was made there. His Brother, the Earl of *Warwick*, had undergone some mortification with the rest, and had not that Authority in the Naval Affairs as he had used to have, though he was the High Admiral of *England* by Ordinance of Parliament, and had done them extraordinary Services. He did not restrain, or endeavour to suppress the Earl of *Holland's* discontents, but inflamed them, and promised to joyn with him, as many others of that Gang of Men did; resolving that the *Scots* should not do all that work, but that they would have a share in the merit. The Duke of *Buckingham*, and his Brother, the Lord *Francis Villiers*, were newly return'd from Travel, and though both very young, were strong and active Men, and being, in respect of their Infancy, uningaged in the late War, and so unhurt by it, and coming now to the possession of large Estates, which they thought they were obliged to venture for the Crown upon the first opportunity, they fell easily into the Friendship of the Earl of *Holland*, and were ready to Embark themselves in his Adventure. The Earl had made tender of his Resolutions to his old Mistress the Queen at *Paris*, who was always disposed to trust him, and the Lord *Fermyn* and He renew'd their former Friendship, the warmth whereof had never been extinguished.

So a Commission was sent from the Prince to the Earl to be General of an Army, that was to be raised for the Redemption of the King from Prison, and to restore the Parliament to its freedom. The Earl of *Peterborough*, and *John Mordaunt* his Brother, the Family of the Earl of *Northampton*, and all the Officers who had serv'd the King in the War, with which the City of *London*, and all Parts of the Kingdom abounded, applied themselves to the Earl of *Holland*, and receiv'd Commissions from him for several Commands.

THIS Engagement was so well known, and so generally spoken of, that they concluded that the Parliament durst not take notice of it, or wish'd well to it. And there is no question, never undertaking of that Nature was carried on with so little reservation; there was scarce a County in *England*, in which there was not some Association enter'd into to appear in Arms for the King. They who had the principal Command in *Wales* under the Parliament, sent to *Paris* to declare, "That if they might have supply of Arms and Ammunition, "and a reasonable Sum for the payment of their Garrisons, "they would declare for the King, having the chief places "of those Parts in their Custody. The Lord *Fermyn* encouraged all those Overtures with most positive Undertaking,

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*James Marquess of Hamilton,  
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that they should be supplied with all they expected, within so many days after they should declare; which they depended upon, and he, according to his custom, never thought of after; by which the Service miscarried, and many Gallant Men were lost.

CROMWELL, to whom all these Machinations were known, chose rather to run the hazard of all that such a loose Combination could produce, than, by seizing upon Persons, to engage the Parliament in Examinations, and in Parties; the inconvenience whereof he apprehended more; finding already that the Presbyterian Party had so great an influence upon the General, that he declar'd to him, "He would not march against the Scots, whom he had a good mind to have visited before their Counsels and Resolutions were form'd; and Cromwell had reason to believe, that Fairfax would be firm to the same mind, even after they should have invaded the Kingdom.

ALL things being in this forwardness in England, it is fit to enquire how the Scots complied with their obligations, and what Expedition they used in raising their Army. After the Commissioners return from London, upon the King's being made Prisoner in the Isle of Wight, it was long before the Marquis of Argyle could be prevailed with to consent that a Parliament should be called. He had made a fast Friendship with Cromwell, and Vane; and knew that in this new stipulation with the King, the Hamiltonian Faction was the great Undertaker, and meant to have all the Honour of whatsoever should follow. And yet the Duke upon his return to Scotland liv'd at first very privately at his own House; seldom went abroad to any Meeting; and to those who came to him, and to whom that Resolution would be grateful, he used to speak darkly, and as a Man that thought more of revenge upon those who had Imprison'd him, than of assisting the Crown to recover the Authority it had lost. Argyle, whose power was over that violent Party of the Clergy which would not depart from the most rigid clause in the Covenant, and were without any reverence for the King or his Government, discern'd that he should never be able to hinder the calling of a Parliament, which the People generally called for, and that he should sooner obtain his end by puzzling their proceedings, and obstructing their determinations, after they should be assembled, than by obstinately opposing their coming together. So Summons were issued for the Convention of a Parliament; and they who appear'd most concern'd for the King, and to set him at Liberty from his Imprisonment (which was all they pretended) were the Earl of Lanrick, Brother to Duke Hamilton, and then restored to his Office of

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of Secretatry of *Scotland*, who had been Imprison'd at *Oxford*, and made his escape from thence; and the Earl of *Lautherdale*, who had been with the forwardest from the beginning of the Rebellion, when he was scarce of Age, and prosecuted it to the end with most eminent Fierceness and Animosity.

The Characters of Lautherdale.

THEY were both Men of great Parts and Industry, though they lov'd Pleasures too; both Proud and Ambitious; the former, much the civiler and better bred, of the better Nature, and better Judgement, and an openness and clearness more to be trusted and relied upon than most Men of that Party: the latter, Insolent, Imperious, Flattering, and Dissembling, fitter for Intrigues and Contrivances by the want of the Ingenuity which the other had, and by the Experience and Practice he had in the Committee of both Kingdoms in their darkest designs. The former was a Man of Honour and Courage; the latter, had Courage enough not to fail where it was absolutely necessary, and no impediment of Honour to restrain him from doing any thing that might gratify any of his passions.

THESE two were the chief Managers and Contrivers to carry on this Affair; for though the Chancellor, the Earl of *Lowden*, had been a Commissioner in *England*, and as privy to the Treaty with the King, and had made as many professions and protestations of duty to him as they, and indeed was willing to perform them, yet he was so obnoxious for his loose and vitious Life, which was notorious, that he durst not provoke *Argyle* or the Clergy by dissenting from them. They used all the Interest and Skill they had, to get such Elections in the Boroughs of Members for the Parliament as might comply with them; and the People generally were exceedingly offended, and ashamed of the infamous delivery up of the King to the *English*, to which they imputed all the danger that threaten'd them, and the reproach and Infamy that lay upon their Country; and so had great prejudice to all Men who were thought to be the cause of it.

The Parliament met in Scotland; and their deliberations.

AT the opening of the Parliament, they did all they could to inflame the People against the Army in *England*; which, they said, "Had forced the Parliament there to break the Treaty between the two Kingdoms in their ill usage of the King, who was Imprison'd by the Army, nor was it in the power of the Parliament to set him at Liberty: That they had now, upon the matter, absolutely deposed him, by not suffering him to perform the Office of a King, nor permitting any of his Subjects to repair to him; in which the Kingdom of *Scotland* was concern'd, in that being independent upon *England*, and the Parliament of *England*, they

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“were by them depriv’d of their King, and could not be admitted to speak with him, nor his Majesty to send to them; which was such a presumption, and violation of the Law of Nations, and such a perfidious breach and contempt of the solemn League and Covenant, and of the Treaty between the two Kingdoms, that they were bound by all the obligations Human and Divine to be sensible of it, and to re-deem their King’s Liberty, and their own Honour, with the hazard of their Lives and Fortunes and all that was dear to them: and therefore they desired that they might enter upon those Counsels, which might soonest get an Army together, which should no sooner enter *England*, but it would find a conjunction from that whole Kingdom, except only the Army; and that it would then quickly appear that the Parliaments of both Kingdoms desired the same thing, and to live happily under the Government of the same King.

THIS discourse, urged and seconded by many of the principal Men, was entertain’d by the rest with so general a reception, that *Argyle* found it would be to no purpose directly to contradict or oppose it. He saw the Election of the Knights and Burgeſſes had ſucceeded according to the wiſhes of the other Lords, and that they would concur with whatſoever was propoſed; and he found likewise that they had wrought upon the greateſt part of their Clergy; who believ’d all they ſaid to them. He did not therefore oppose any thing propoſed by them, but only deſired, “That they would very well weigh the manner of their proceeding in an affair of ſo great concernment, which was like to terminate in a bloody War between the two Kingdoms; which had hitherto proceeded as Brethren, and had both reaped great benefit and advantage from the conjunction: and he hoped there was no purpoſe to ſhake any of thoſe foundations which had been laid in the years by-gone, which ſupported that Government, and made that Kingdom happy; which if diſſolv’d, all the miſchief and tyranny they had formerly felt and undergone, would break in upon them with a torrent that ſhould deſtroy them. Every Body declar’d, “That there was no purpoſe to ſwerve, in the leaſt degree, from what was eſta bliſh’d for the Government in either Kingdom, by their ſolemn League and Covenant, which they had in perfect veneration, and look’d upon it as an obligation upon them to do all that had been propoſed; upon which *Argyle* acquieſced as ſatisfied, not doubting but that, in the proſecution of their Counſels, he ſhould find opportunity enough to obſtruct the quick progreſs, and to interrupt the concluſion, and execution.

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THE Lords who had been in *England*, and frequented *Hampton Court*, whilst the King was there, to make themselves the more gracious, had treated all the King's Party with all manner of caresses, and more particularly had much applied themselves to those Gentlemen of the North who had most eminently serv'd the King, and who had good Fortunes there to support their Interest. Of this kind there were two very notable Men, Sr *Marmaduke Langdale*, and Sr *Philip Musgrave*; both Men of large and plentiful Estates, the one in *York-shire*, the other in *Cumberland* and *Westmoreland*; who having been in the time of Peace eminent in their Country in the Offices of Justices of Peace, and Deputy Lieutenants; had, in the beginning of the War, engaged themselves in Commands in the King's Army with great reputation of stout, diligent, and active Officers; and continued, to the end, and had not after applied themselves to make any composition, but expected a new opportunity to appear with their Swords in their hands. They were both look'd upon by the Parliament, and the chief Officers of the Army, with great jealousy, as Men worthy to be fear'd, and who could never be induc'd to comply with them. The *Scottish* Lords had not been scrupulous to let these two Gentlemen know what they intended, and "That they made no question but they should engage  
"their whole Kingdom and Nation to enter into a present  
"War with *England* on the King's behalf; and therefore de-  
"fired them, by the Interest, and Influence they had upon  
"the Northern Counties, to dispose them to a conjunction  
"with them. And because they knew that they two were  
too notorious to stay with any Security about *London*, much less in their own Country, they invited them into *Scotland*, where they assured them, "They should not only be safe, but  
"very welcome; and should be Witnesses of their proceed-  
"ings, and have parts of their own to act in, as soon as the  
"Season should be ripe.

THESE Gentlemen, though they had been hitherto unhurt, and whilst the Army made those professions towards the King, had been much courted by the chief Officers thereof, and had been Quarter'd with them as Friends, knew well, now the Mask was off, that if they did not immediately apply themselves to make their compositions, they should be apprehended, and imprisoned. And therefore, being persuaded that the *Scots* would engage for the King, they accepted their Invitation, and told them, "They should quickly  
"find them in *Scotland* after their own return. Accordingly, after having secretly spent some time in their own Countries, and directed their Friends to be in a readiness when they should be called upon, and in the mean time settled a way  
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how to correspond together, they went into *Scotland* to those who had invited them, and were receiv'd by them with civility enough. They own'd such a wariness, in respect of the jealousies amongst themselves, and the ill Arts of *Argyle*, that they desir'd them "For some time to withdraw to some place (which they recommended to them) "and there to remain in "secrecy, and under feigned Names, untill the calling of the "Parliament; at which time they might come to *Edenborough*, "and appear in their own likeness with all freedom. So after having remain'd in that private manner, where they were well treated for some Months, when the Parliament was assembled at *Edenborough*, they return'd thither; and were very well look'd upon by all that knew them; which made them behave themselves with the more freedom and confidence in their conversation, the foremention'd Lords telling them all they meant to do, and what Arts they were to use till they could get their Army up, towards which they believ'd they had matter'd the greatest difficulties.

THOUGH the *Scottish* Commissioners had withdrawn from *London*, shortly after they had protested loudly against the proceedings of the Parliament, both in imprisoning the King, and in refusing to give them leave to repair to him, or to receive from him any directions or orders concerning the Government of that Kingdom, and thought it high time to provide for their own Security by quitting their Station at *London*, where they receiv'd every day Affronts, and their Persons were expos'd to contempt; yet there were no sooner Preparations towards a Parliament in *Scotland*, than Commissioners were sent from the Lords and Commons at *Westminster* to reside at *Edenborough*, as if they hoped to over-vote them there too; and it was evident quickly that they were not without a strong or at least an active Party there. They were receiv'd with the same shew of respect, and the same care was taken for their Accommodation, as had been when they first came for contriving of the Covenant; not only the Marquis of *Argyle*, and his Party, very diligently visited them, and perform'd all offices of respect towards them, but even the *Hamiltonian* Faction, and they who were most solicitous to raise the War, attended them as officiously as others, and made the same professions to preserve the Peace and Amity between the two Nations.

Commissioners sent from the two Houses into *Scotland*.

THAT rigid Party of the Clergy which so ador'd the Covenant in the strictest sense of the Letter, that they did not desire to have any more dependence upon the King, but in effect to lay him aside, and to settle the Government without him, as their Brethren in *England* had resolv'd to do, were never from them, and willingly receiv'd such Presents and Penfions

Penfions from the *English* Commiffioners, as they were prepared and provided to offer to them; and much Money was given to make them faft Friends. By this means nothing was resolv'd, or propos'd in the moft fecret Councils, that was not forthwith imparted, and made known to them; and they behaved themfelves as haughtily and imperioufly, as if they had their Army at hand to fecond them. They took notice of the refort of fo many *English* to *Edenborough*, and that there were many amongst them who had been in Arms againft the Parliament, and demanded "That they might either be banifhed that Kingdom, or deliver'd to them to be fent to the Parliament.

THEY were fo clamorous in this Argument, and found fo much countenance to their clamour, that they who had invited the *English* thither, had not the Courage to own them; but advis'd them under-hand "To abfent themfelves from the Town, till that ftorm fhould be over. And even Sr *Mar-maduke Langdale*, and Sr *Philip Musgrave*, whom, over and above all the difcourfes held with them at *London*, the *Scottifh* Lords had fent to confer with as they paffed through the Northern parts Homewards, and had then conferred with them, and desired them "To prepare all things with their Friends for the furprifal of *Berwick* and *Carlifle*, when the Season fhould be Ripe, and that they would haften their Journey into *Scotland*, that they might be out of danger of imprifonment; even thefe Men were desired, "Either to withdraw again from *Edenborough*, or to keep their Chambers there, and not to be feen abroad, until their Army fhould be raifed, and fuch a General made choice of as would take care of their Protection. And they did not conceal from them, that they made no doubt but that Duke *Hamilton* fhould be that General; who often conferr'd with them in private, and always affured them, "That whatever was, in that place and feafon, difcourf'd of the Covenant, which was very neceffary to bring their defigns to pafs, he fhould be no fooner invested in the Command his Friends defign'd for him, than he would manifefl his refolution to joyn with the King's Party, upon the true Intereft of the Crown, without which he would hope for little fuccefs in *England*; and he desired them, "Though they faw little appearance yet of raifing an Army which would be affoon finifhed as begun, by the method they were accuftom'd to ufe, that they would write very earneftly to their Friends in *England* to begin, affoon as might be, to execute the defigns they had laid, in as many parts of the Kingdom as they could, upon confidence that they fhould receive relief before they could be oppreffed. To the fame purpofe they writ to the Queen, and

“and desired that the Prince might be in a readiness to be  
 “with them against the time their Army should be ready to  
 “march; which, they assured Her, should be by the begin-  
 ning of *May*. All which several Advertisements, being com-  
 municated in *England*, found a People too ready to give Cre-  
 dit to what was promised, and to begin the work sooner than  
 they ought to have done: and yet they were hasten'd by such  
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THE King, whilst he was at *Hampton Court*, when he  
 foresaw that the Army would not comply with him, as he  
 once believ'd, and resolv'd to get themselves out of their  
 hands, had, as is mention'd before, directed the Duke of *York*;  
 who was of years to be trusted with the secret, “That, when  
 “a fit opportunity should be offer'd, he should make his escape  
 “into the parts beyond the Seas, and follow the directions  
 “of his Mother: and about this time, when so much Action  
 was expected, which probably might produce many altera-  
 tions, his Majesty in all places, found some way to advertise  
 the Duke, “That it would be a very proper Season for him to  
 “make his escape. The Person who was entrusted to con-  
 trive it was Colonel *Bamfield*, a Man of an active and infi-  
 nuating Nature, and dextrous enough in bringing any thing  
 to pass that he had the managing of himself. He had now no  
 relation to the King's Service; he had serv'd the King in the  
 late War as a Colonel of Foot, and had not behaved himself  
 so well in it, as to draw any suspicion upon himself from the  
 other Party, and was in truth much more conversant with the  
 Presbyterian Party than with the King's. So that his repair  
 often to the place where the Duke of *York* and the other Chil-  
 dren were, drew nothing of suspicion upon him.

THE Duke and his Brother and Sister were then kept at *St James's*, where they had the liberty of the Garden and Park  
 to walk and exercise themselves in, and Lords, and Ladies, and  
 other Persons of Condition, were not restrain'd from resorting  
 thither to visit them. In this manner *Bamfield* had been some-  
 times there; and after he had inform'd the Duke what he  
 was to do, and found one or two more to be trusted between  
 them, that he might not become suspected by being observ'd  
 to speak too often with him, he provided a small Vessel to be  
 ready about the Custom House, and to have its Pass for *Hol-  
 land*, and then advertised the Duke to be ready in the close of  
 an Evening, when playing, as he used to do, with the other  
 Children, in a Room from whence their was a pair of Stairs  
 to the Garden, he might, untaken notice of, get thither;  
 from whence there was a door into the Park; where *Bam-  
 field* would meet him. And this was so well adjusted, that

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 James's.*

the Duke came at the hour to the place; where the other met him, and led him presently where a Coach was ready, and so carried him into a private House; where he only stay'd whilst he put on Women's Apparel, that was provided for him; and presently, with Colonel *Bamfield* only, went into a pair of Oars that was ready; so pass'd the Bridge, and went on Board the Vessel that was ready to receive him, which immediately hoisted Sail, and arriv'd safe in *Holland*, without any Man of the Ship having the least imagination what Freight they carried.

THE Duke, as soon as he was on Shore, and in a Lodging, resolving no longer to use his Womens habit, stay'd there till he advertised his Sister, the Princess Royal of *Orange*, of his Arrival; who quickly took care to provide all such things as were necessary for his remove to the *Hague*; from whence the Queen was inform'd, and so knew as soon almost where he was, as she did of his escape from *London*. The Prince was not yet ready for his remove, nor was it resolv'd which way he should go; so that it was thought best that the Duke should, for the present, stay at the *Hague* with his Sister, till farther resolutions might be taken; and though the Service which *Bamfield* had perform'd, was very well esteem'd, yet they thought the making him a Groom of his Bed-Chamber, would be an ample recompence, and that it was necessary to put a Person of a better Quality about his Highness, who might have a superior Command over the other Servant; and because the Lord *Byron*, who had been made Governour of the Duke of *York* by the King, was then in *England*, secretly attending the conjuncture to appear in Arms in a quarter assign'd to him, Sr *John Berkley* was sent by the Queen to wait upon the Duke, as Governour in the absence of the Lord *Byron*, which *Bamfield* looked upon as a degradation, and bringing the Man he hated of all Men living, to have the command over him.

Sr John  
Berkley  
made his  
Highness's  
Governour  
in the ab-  
sence of the  
Lord Byron.

THE Lord *Capel*, who was in the most secret part of all these Intrigues in *England*, being entirely trusted by those who would not trust any of the Presbyterians nor communicate their purposes to them, had written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who remain'd still in *Fersey*, the hopes he had of a good conjuncture, and his own resolution to Embark himself in that attempt, as soon as it should be ripe; and had signified the King's Command to him, "That as soon as the Chancellor should be required to wait upon the Prince, he should without delay obey the Summons: and the King had likewise writ to the Queen very positively, "That when it should be necessary for the Prince to remove out of *France*, the Chancellor should have notice of it, and be required to give his  
"attendance

“attendance upon the Person of his Royal Highness, in the  
 “condition he had formerly done. About the beginning of  
*May*, in the year 1648, the Lord *Capel*, who had always  
 corresponded with the Chancellor, and inform'd him of the  
 State of Affairs, and all that concern'd himself, writ to him,  
 “That all things were now so ripe, that he believ'd the Prince  
 “would not find it fit to remain longer in *France*; and there-  
 “upon conjur'd him that he would be ready, if he should be  
 “sent for, as he was confident he would be, to attend upon  
 “his Highness; which, he said, all the King's Friends ex-  
 pected he should do; and which he was resolv'd to do as soon  
 as the Prince should be out of *France*, though he should re-  
 ceive no order or invitation so to do.

ABOUT the middle of *May*, the Queen, according to his Majesty's Command, sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to *Jersey*, commanding, “That he would wait upon the Prince in the *Louvre* at *Paris*, upon a day that was past before the Letter came to his hands. But he no sooner receiv'd the Summons, than he betook himself to the Journey, and to transport himself into *Normandy*; where after he was landed, he made what haste he could to *Caen*, supposing he should there find Secretary *Nicholas*, who had given him notice, “That he had receiv'd the same Command. When he came to *Caen*, he found the Secretary's Lady there, but himself was gone to *Roan*, to the Lord *Cottington*, and intended to stay there till the other should arrive, and to consult together there upon their farther Journey. The old Earl of *Bristol*, who had liv'd likewise at *Caen*, was gone with the Secretary to *Roan*, having likewise receiv'd the same Summons with the others to attend the Prince at the *Louvre*. The Chancellor hasten'd to *Roan*, where he found the Lord *Cottington*, who had still the Title and Precedency of Lord High Treasurer of *England*, the Earl of *Bristol*, and Secretary *Nicholas*, who were all his very good Friends, and very glad of his Arrival. They had receiv'd Advertisement, the day before, “That the Prince, with all his small Train, was pass'd “by towards *Calais*; and direction was sent “That the Chancellor, whom they supposed to be on the way, and the rest, “should stay at *Roan*, till they should receive new Orders “from *Calais*, where his Royal Highness would take new “Measures what he was to do. So they stayed together at *Roan*, where there were at the same time very many *English* of Quality in their own condition, who were driven out of *England*, as well as they, for their fidelity to the King, and had brought somewhat with them for their support abroad, till they might upon some good change return to their own Country. In the mean time they liv'd very decently together

The Chancellor of the Exchequer sent for to the Prince from Jersey.

in that City ; where they were well esteem'd. The way between *Roan* and *Calais* was so dangerous without a very strong Convoy, that no day pass'd without Robberies, and Murders, so that they were glad of their Order not to stir from thence, till they should receive a very particular direction from the Prince ; and within few days they receiv'd advice, "That the Prince had, as soon as he came to *Calais*, put himself on board a Ship that he found there bound for *Holland*, whence they were to hear from him, how they should dispose of themselves. Whereupon they all resolv'd to remove from *Roan* to *Diep*, from whence they might Embark themselves for *Holland* if they saw cause ; the ways by Land, in regard that both the *French* and the *Spanish* Armies were in the Field, being very dangerous.

The Prince went into Holland from Calais.

The Revolt of part of the Fleet to the King from Rainsborough.

THE Prince's remove from Paris on such a suddain, proceeded from an Accident in *England* that was very extraordinary, and looked like a call from Heaven. The Parliament about this time had prepared, according to custom, a good Fleet of ten or a dozen Ships for the Summer Guard, and appointed *Rainsborough* to be Admiral thereof ; who had been bred at Sea, and was the Son of an eminent Commander at Sea lately dead ; but he himself, from the time of the new Model, had been an Officer of Foot in the Army, and was a Colonel of special Note and Account, and of *Cromwell's* chief Confidants. This offended the Earl of *Warwick* much, and dispos'd him to that inclination to concur with his Brother lately mention'd. Captain *Batten* likewise was as much unsatisfied, who had acted a great part in the first alienating the Fleet, and the Affections of the Sea-men from the King, and had ever been their Vice-Admiral afterwards, and one of the Persons upon whom they principally rely'd at Sea. *Rainsborough*, as long as he remain'd in the Navy, had been under his Command, and both the Earl and *Batten* well knew that this Man was now made Admiral of this Fleet, because they, being Presbyterians, should have no credit or influence upon it ; which made them sollicitous enough that the Sea-men should not be well pleased with the Alteration ; and they looked upon *Rainsborough* as a Man that had forsaken them, and preferr'd the Land before the Sea Service. The Sea-men are in a manner a Nation by themselves, a humourous, brave, and sturdy People ; fierce, and resolute in whatsoever they are inclined to, somewhat unsteady and inconstant in pursuing it, and jealous of those to morrow by whom they are govern'd to day. These Men, observing the general discontent of the People, and that, however the Parliament was obeyed by the power of the Army, both Army and Parliament were grown very odious to the Nation, and hearing so much



much discourse of an Army from *Scotland* ready to enter into the Kingdom, concluded that the King would be restored; and then remembering that the revolt of the Fleet was the preamble to the loss of his Majesty's Authority every where else, and a great cause of all his Misfortunes, thought it would be a glorious thing to them, if they could lead the way to his Majesty's Restoration by their declaring for him. This was an Agitation among the Common Sea-men, without communicating it to any Officer of the Quality of Master of a Ship. This inclination was much improv'd in them by a general disposition in *Kent* to an Insurrection for the King, and by some Gentlemen's coming on board the Ships, according to the custom of that Country; who fomented the good disposition in the Sea-men by all the ways they could.

AT this very time there appear'd generally throughout *Kent* the same indigested Affection to the King, and inclination to serve him, as was among the Sea-men, and was conducted with much less order and caution, neither the one nor the other having been design'd by those who took care of the King's Affairs, and who design'd those Insurrections which happen'd in other parts of the Kingdom. They knew nothing, that is, contributed nothing to this good disposition in the Sea-men, though they were not without some hope that, upon all other Revolutions, somewhat might likewise fall out at Sea to the advantage of the King's Affairs. They had some expectation indeed from *Kent*, where they knew the People were generally well Affected, and depended upon two or three Gentlemen of that Country, who had been Officers in the King's Army, and resolv'd to bring in some Troops of Horse, when occasion should be ripe; but it was resolv'd and intended that the *Scottish* Army should be enter'd the Kingdom, by which the Parliament Army would be upon their march towards them, before they would have any appearance of force in the parts near *London*; and then they believ'd that both Country and City would rise together. And so those Gentlemen of *Kent*, who were privy to any design, lay privately in *London* to avoid all Cabals in their Country; so that what now fell out there, was by meer chance and accident, that could never be foreseen, or prevented.

THERE happen'd to be at some Jovial meeting in *Kent* about that time, one Mr *L'Esrange* a younger Brother of a good Family in *Norfolk*, who had been always of the King's Party, and for attempting somewhat in his own Country for his Majesty's Service, had been taken Prisoner by the Parliament, and by a Court of War condemn'd to dye, but being kept in Prison till the end of the War, was then set at Li-



berty, as one in whom there was no more danger. But he retain'd his old Affections, and more remember'd the cruel usage he had receiv'd, than that they had not proceeded as cruelly with him as they might have done. He had a great Friendship with a young Gentleman, Mr *Hales*, who liv'd in *Kent*, and was Married to a Lady of a Noble Birth and Fortune, he being Heir to one of the greatest Fortunes of that Country, but was to expect the Inheritance from the favour of an Old Severe Grand-father, who for the present kept the young Couple from running into any Excess; the Mother of the Lady being of as sour and strict a Nature as the Grand-father, and both of them so much of the Parliament Party, that they were not willing any part of their Estates should be hazarded for the King. At the House of this Mr *Hales*, Mr *L' Estrange* was, when by the Communication which that part of *Kent* always hath with the Ships which lye in the *Downs*, the report first did arise that the Fleet would presently declare for the King, and those Sea-men who came on Shore talked as if the City of *London* would joyn with them. This drew many Gentlemen of the Country who wished well, to visit the Ships, and they return'd more confirm'd of the truth of what they had heard. Good-fellowship was a Vice spread every where, and this young great Heir, who had been always bred among his Neighbours, affected that which they were best pleas'd with, and so his House was a Rendezvous for those who delighted in that Exercise, and who every day brought him the News of the good inclinations in the Fleet for the King; and all Mens Mouths were full of the general hatred the whole Kingdom had against the Parliament as well as the Army. Mr *L' Estrange* was a Man of a good Wit, and a Fancy very luxuriant, and of an enterprising Nature. He observ'd, by the good Company that came to the House, that the Affections of all that Large and Populous Country were for the King. He began to tell Mr *Hales*, "That though his Grand-father did in his heart wish the King well, yet his carriage had been such in his conjunction with the Parliament, that he had more need of the King's favour than of his Grand-father's to be Heir to that great Estate; and that certainly nothing could be more acceptable to his Grand-father, or more glorious to him, than to be the Instrument of both; and therefore advis'd him "To put himself into the Head of his own Country, which would be willing to be led by him; that when the *Scots* were enter'd into the Northern Parts, and all the Kingdom should be in Arms, he might, with the Body of his Country-men, march towards *London*; which would induce both the City and the Parliament to joyn with him, whereby he

"should

“should have great share in the Honour of restoring the  
“King.

THE Company that frequented the House thought the  
discourse very reasonable, and saw that the issue must be very  
Honourable: The young Lady of the House was full of Zeal  
for the King, and was willing her Husband should be the In-  
strument of his delivery: The young Gentleman himself had  
not been enough conversant in the Affairs of the World to ap-  
prehend the danger, or hazard of the Attempt, and so re-  
ferr'd himself and the whole Business to be govern'd, and  
conducted by Mr *L'Estrange*, whom they all believ'd by his  
discourse to be an able Soldier. He writ some Letters to  
particular Gentlemen, who he was inform'd would receive  
them willingly, and sign'd Warrants to the Constables of  
Hundreds with his own Name, which had been never heard  
of in the County, requiring, “In his Majesty's Name, all  
“Persons to appear, at a time and place appointed, to advise  
“together, and to lay hold on such opportunities, as should  
“be offer'd for relieving the King, and delivering him out of  
“Prison. There was an incredible appearance of the Coun-  
try at the place appointed, where Mr *L'Estrange* appear'd with  
Mr *Hales*, and those Persons which had been used to their  
Company. Mr *L'Estrange* spoke to them in a style very much  
his own; and being not very clear to be understood, the  
more prevailed over them. He spake like a Man in Autho-  
rity, inveighed against “The Tyranny of the Army, which  
“had subdued the Parliament, against their barbarous Impri-  
“sonment of the King, and against a Conspiracy they had to  
“Murder him. He added “That the Affections of that No-  
“ble Country were well known to his Majesty, and that he  
“had therefore appointed the Fleet that was in the *Downs* to  
“joyn with them; and that he doubted not but they would  
“together be too strong for his Enemies, who were like to  
“have enough to do to defend themselves in many other  
“places; and that his Majesty was willing they should have  
“a Gentleman of their own Country, well known to them,  
“to be their General; and named Mr *Hales*; who was pre-  
sent. There was not one Man who so much as ask'd for  
any Letter or Commission, or other Authority from the King;  
but all of them, very frankly and unanimously, declar'd “They  
“would be ready to joyn, and march as their General *Hales*  
“should direct; and so another day and place was appointed  
for another appearance, and Lifting and Forming their Regi-  
ments; and in the mean time Mr *L'Estrange* set out such De-  
clarations, and Engagements, as he thought most like to pre-  
vail with the People, and requir'd “That they should be read  
“in all Churches; which was done accordingly. The next  
appearance



appearance was greater than the former; and with the same forwardness, many coming armed both Horse and Foot, and shewing a marvellous alacrity to the Engagement. Their General then gave out his Commissions for several Regiments, and a new day was appointed for their Rendezvous, when all should come arm'd, and keep together in a Body, until it should be fit to march to *London*.

IT was known that the Fleet was gone out of the *Downs*, but it was as well known that it had absolutely renounced the Service of the Parliament, and rejected all their Officers. It was easy to persuade the People, that they were gone upon some important Enterprize, and would speedily return; and it was insinuated, "That it was gone to the Isle of *Wight* to release the King, who would return with it into *Kent*; which made them hasten their preparations.

AT the time when the King made the Earl of *Northumberland* Admiral, he declared, and it was inserted in his Commission, "That he should enjoy that Office during the Minority of the Duke of *York*; and the Duke having made his escape at this time, when there was this Commotion amongst the Sea-men, it was no sooner known that his Highness was in *Holland*, but the Sea-men talked aloud "That they would go to their Admiral; and the Gentlemen of *Kent* stirring them up and inflaming them to that Resolution, and the Sea-men again pressing the Gentlemen to hasten their Rising in Arms, that they might assist and second each other, they both declared themselves sooner than they ought to have done, and before they were prepared for an Enterprize of that importance.

THE Parliament was well inform'd of the distemper amongst the Sea-men, and had therefore foreborne putting the half of the Provisions aboard the Ships, which, for the greatest part, lay ready in the *Downs*, wanting only half the Victual they were to have for the Summer Service. But those Officers which were on board, finding they had no Authority, and that the Sea-men mocked and laughed at them, sent every day to inform the Parliament, what mutinous humour the whole Fleet was in. Whereupon they sent *Rainsborough* and some other Officers thither; presuming that the presence of the Admiral would quickly quiet all. He, being a Man of a rough imperious Nature, as soon as he came on board his Ship, begun to make a strict Enquiry into the former Disorders and Mutinous behaviours, upon which all the Men of his Ship retired into their old Fortrefs of, *One and All*, and presently laid hold on Him, and put Him, and such other Officers of the Ship as they liked not, into the Boat, and sent them on Shore. Which was no sooner known to the rest of the

Rainsborough and some other Officers put on Shore by the Sea-men.



the Ships, but they follow'd their example, and used their Officers in the same manner. After they had for some days been Feasted and Caressed by the People of *Kent*, some of the Gentlemen putting themselves on board to joyn with them, and in order to assist them towards providing such necessaries as were wanting, they went out of the *Downs*, and stood for *Holland*, that they might find their Admiral; and let fall their Anchors before the *Brill*. What was done by the Gentlemen of *Kent* on Shore, and the success thereof, will be related hereafter.

*The revolted Ships went over to Holland.*

THIS so very seasonable revolt of the Fleet, in a conjuncture when so many Advantages were expected, was looked upon as a sure Omen of the deliverance of the King. And the report that the Ships were before *Calais*, as if they had expected some Body there, which was true, for some time, was the reason that it was thought fit that Prince (who had hitherto thought of nothing but being sent for by the *Scots*, and how to find himself with them) should make all possible haste to *Calais*. This was the Cause of that his suddain motion, which was yet retarded for want of Money, and all other things necessary for his Journey. The Cardinal shew'd no manner of favouring all these Appearances of Advantage to the King; he gave less countenance to *Scotland*, than he had ever done when it was in Rebellion against the King; and, notwithstanding all his promises with reference to *Ireland*, the Marquis of *Ormond* remain'd still at *Paris*, without obtaining Arms or Money in any proportion (both which had been promised so liberally) and was, after all importunities, compelled to transport himself into *Ireland* (where he was so importunately called for) without any manner of Supplies, which were expected. And now, when the remove of the Prince was so behoveful, the Cardinal utterly refused to furnish him with any Money; all which discouragements were shortly after remember'd to *Cromwell*, as high merit.

*The Marquis of Ormond goes out of France into Ireland.*

THE Prince's remove was by every Body thought so necessary, that the Lord *Fermyn*, as was pretended, found means to borrow so much Money as was necessary for the Journey; which the King paid long after with full Interest. Dr *Goffe*, a Man well known in that time, as the chief Agent and Confident of my Lord *Fermyn*, was presently sent into *Holland*, to dispose the Sea-men to be willing to receive the Lord *Fermyn* to Command the Fleet. So Sollicitous that Noble Man was to be in the head of any Action that was like to prosper, how unfit soever he was for it; having neither industry, nor knowledge of any thing of the Sea, and being less belov'd by the Sea-men than any Man that could be named. The Prince made what haste he could to *Calais*, attended by Prince *Rupert*,  
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the Lord *Hopton*, and the Lord *Colepepper*, and some other Gentlemen, besides his own Domesticks; and finding one of the *English* Frigats before *Calais*, and understanding that the Duke of *York* was gone from the *Hague* to *Helvoet Sluce*, and had put himself on board the Fleet there, his Highness presently embarked, and made the more haste left his Brother should be in Action before him, and was receiv'd at the Fleet with all those acclamations and noises of joy, which that People are accusom'd to; they having expressed as much some days before, at the arrival of the Duke of *York*.

The Prince  
is receiv'd  
at the Fleet.

AS SOON as it was known in *Holland* that the Prince of *Wales* was arriv'd, the Prince of *Orange*, with his Wife the Princess Royal, came presently thither to entertain his Highness the best that place would permit, but especially to rejoyce together, having not seen each other from the time they were Children. The Prince found the Fleet in Faction and Disorder, and great pains had been taken to corrupt them. *Sr John Berkley's* coming to the *Hague* to assume the Government of the Duke of *York*, had not been acceptable to his Royal Highness, who was perswaded by Colonel *Bamfield*, that he had been unfaithful, as well as unfortunate, in his attendance upon the King, to the *Isle of Wight*. The Colonel himself was so incens'd with it, that he used all the skill and insinuation he had, to lessen his Highness reverence to the Queen, and to dispute her Commands. Then taking the opportunity of the Fleet's being come to *Helvoet Sluce*, he went thither, and having, as is said before, a wonderful Address to the disposing Men to Mutiny, and to work upon Common Men, which the Fleet consisted of, there being no Officers, for the most part, above the Quality of a Boat-Swaine or Master's-Mate, he perswaded them "To declare for the Duke of *York*, without any respect to the King or Prince; and when his Highness should be on board, that they should not meddle in the Quarrel between the King and the Parliament, but entirely joyn with the Presbyterian Party, and the City of *London*; which by this means would bring the Parliament to reason: And he prepared his Friends the Seamen when the duke should come to them, that they would except against *Sr John Berkley*, and cause him to be dismissed; and then he believ'd he should be able to govern both his Highness and the Fleet.

Factions in  
the Prince's  
Fleet.

AT the same time *Dr Goffe*, who was a dextrous Man too, and could comply with all Men in all the Acts of good-fellowship, had gotten acquaintance with others of the Sea-men, and made them jealous of *Bamfield's* activity; and endeavour'd to perswade them "That they should all petition the Prince who, he knew, would be shortly with them) "That the Lord

"*Jermyn*

“*Fermyn* might be made their Admiral; who would be able  
 “to supply them with Money, and whatsoever else they want-  
 “ed: That there was no hope of Money but from *France*,  
 “and that the Lord *Fermyn* had all the Power and Credit  
 “there, and might have what Money he desired; and by  
 these Agitations the infant Loyalty of the Sea-men begun to  
 be distracted.

AT the same time the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*, who had  
 always adher'd to the Presbyterians, and was of great esteem  
 amongst them, though he was not tainted with their princi-  
 ples, had left the Parliament, and secretly Transported him-  
 self into *Holland*; and was arrived at *Rotterdam*, when *Bam-*  
*field* return'd from the Fleet, and went to wait upon the Duke  
 of *York* at the *Hague*. *Bamfield* deliver'd such a Message from  
 the Fleet as he thought would hasten the Duke's Journey thi-  
 ther; and told him, “The Sea-men made great enquiry after  
 “the Lord *Willoughby*, and much longed to have him with  
 “them; insinuating to the Duke, “That he had much contri-  
 “buted to that good disposition in the Sea-men, and was pri-  
 “vy to their revolt, and had promised speedily to come to  
 “them, and that it would be the most acceptable thing his  
 “Highness could do to carry him with him to the Fleet, and  
 “make him his Vice-Admiral. The Duke made all imagin-  
 able haste to *Helvoet Sluce*, and immediately went on board  
 the Admiral; where he was receiv'd with the usual marks of  
 joy and acclamation. He declared the Lord *Willoughby* his  
 Vice-Admiral, and appointed some other Officers in the se-  
 veral Ships, and seem'd very desirous to be out at Sea. In  
 the mean time *Bamfield* continued his Activity; and the Do-  
 ctor, finding he had little hope to raise his Patron to the  
 height he propos'd, did all he could to hinder the Operation  
 of *Bamfield*, and took all the ways he could that the Prince  
 might be advertis'd of it; and thereupon hasten his own Jour-  
 ney; which did likewise contribute to the haste his Highness  
 made. He arriv'd at *Helvoet Sluce* very seasonably to prevent  
 many inconveniences, which would have inevitably fallen out;  
 and the Sea-men, upon his Highness's appearance, return'd  
 again into their old chearful humour; which the Prince knew  
 would be best preserv'd by Action; and therefore exceedingly  
 desir'd to be at Sea, where he was sure he must be Superior to  
 any Force the Parliament could in a short time put out. But  
 the Fleet already wanted many Provisions, of which Beer was  
 the chief; which, by the countenance and assistance of the  
 Prince of *Orange*, was in a short time procur'd in a reasonable  
 proportion; and then the Prince set sail first for *Yarmouth* Road,  
 then for the *Downs*; having sent his Brother, the Duke of  
*York*, with all his Family to the *Hague*, to remain there.

The Prince  
 comes into  
 the Downs  
 with the  
 Fleet.

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THOUGH the Duke was exceedingly troubled to leave the Fleet, which he had been perswaded to look upon as his Province, yet he could not but acknowledge, that right reason would not permit they should both be ventur'd at one time on board the Fleet; and, the Prince determining to engage his own Person, he submitted to the determination; and was well content to remain with his Sister. The Prince did not think fit to remove the Lord *Willoughby* (who, he knew, was much relied upon by the Presbyterian Party) from the Charge the Duke had given him; though he was not much known to the Sea-Men. But Captain *Batten* coming at the same time when his Highness did to the Fleet, and bringing the *Constant Warwick*, one of the best Frigats the Parliament had built, with *Jordan*, and two or three Sea-men of good Command, his Highness knighted him, and made him Rere-Admiral of the Fleet; believing, that he could not do a more popular and acceptable thing to the Sea-men, than by putting the same Man, who had Commanded them so many years, over them again at this time; whose experience and government would supply the defects and want of skill of the Vice-Admiral, who was very willing to be advised by him. But the Prince shortly after found he was mistaken in that expedient, and that the Sea-men (who desired to serve the King upon the clear principles of Obedience, and Loyalty) did not in any degree affect *Batten*, because he had failed in both, and was now of a Party towards which they had no veneration. The truth is, the Prince came prepared and disposed from the Queen, to depend wholly upon the Presbyterian Party, which, besides the power of the *Scottish* Army, which was every day expected to Invade *England*, was thought to be possessed of all the strength of the City of *London*; and the Lord *Colepepper*, and Mr *Long*, the Prince's Secretary, were trusted by the Queen to keep the Prince steady and fast to that dependence; and his Highness was injoy'n'd to be entirely advised by them; though all the other Lords about him were of another mind, and the Prince himself not inclined that way. Dr *Steward*, the Dean of the King's Chappel, whom his Majesty had recommended to his Son to instruct him in all matters relating to the Church, and Dr *Earles*, and the rest of his Chaplains, waited diligently upon him to prevent those Infusions. But, by those two, the benefit of this Fleet was principally consider'd, as a happy means to put the Prince on Shore, that he might be in the Head of the *Scottish* Army; and no doubt if that Army had been then enter'd into *England*, as it was very shortly after, the Prince would have been directed, with the Fleet, "To have follow'd all the advice which should have been sent from the *Scots*."



IN the mean time it was thought most Counsellable, after the Prince had sailed some days about the Coast, that the Kingdom might generally know that his Highness was there, that they should all go into the River of *Thames*, and lye Thence into the River of Thames. still there; by which they expected two great Advantages; first, that the City would be thereby engaged to declare it self, when they saw all their Trade obstructed; and that their Ships homewards bound, of which at that Season of the year, they expected many, must fall into the Prince's hands; and then, that the presence of the Prince in the River would hinder the Parliament from getting Seamen; and from setting out that Fleet which they were preparing to reduce the other, under the Command of the Earl of *Warwick*; whom they thought fit, in this exigent, again to imploy; and who, by accepting the Charge, thought he should be in a better posture to choose his Party, in any other alteration that should happen at Land.

WHEN the Parliament first heard of the Commotion in *Kent*, and saw the Warrants which were sent out and sign'd by *L' Estrange*, whom no body knew (and the Gentlemen of *Kent* who sat in the Parliament, assured them, "That there was no such Gentleman in that County, and *Sr Edward Hales*, who likewise was present there, told them, "He was very confident that his Grandson could not be Embarked in such an Affair) they neglected it, and thought it a design to amuse them. But when they heard that the meetings were continued, and saw the Declarations which were publish'd, and were well assured that young *Hales* appear'd with them as their General, they thought the matter worth their care; and therefore appointed their General, "To send two or three Troops of Horse into *Kent* to suppress that seditious Infurrection; *Sr Edward Hales* now excusing himself with revilings, threats, and detestation of his Grandson; who he protested, should never be his Heir.

THE Earl of *Holland*, who had a Commission to be General, and the rest who were engaged, were not yet ready, the *Scots* being not yet enter'd; nor did they understand any thing of the business of *Kent*; however when they were assured that they were drawn into a Body, and were so strong that the Officers who Commanded the Troops which had been sent to suppress them, had sent to the Parliament word, "That they durst not advance, for that the Enemy was much stronger than they, and encreased daily; and that they had sent a Letter to the City of *London* inviting them to joyn with them; the Earl of *Holland* I say, and the others with him, thought it fit to send them all the countenance, and encouragement they could; and thereupon dispatched those Officers who had been design'd for the Troops of that County, when  
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the Season should be ripe, and who had hitherto lurked privately in *London* to avoid suspicion. They were desir'd to call their Friends together, as soon as was possible, to joyn with their Neighbours; and were told "That they should very shortly receive a General from the King: for they did not think Mr *Hales* equal to the work, who found his Power and Credit to grow less, the greater the appearance grew to be; and they begun to enquire for the King's Commission. The Earl of *Holland* had form'd his Party of many Officers who had serv'd both the King and the Parliament; all which were in the City; and he had not yet a mind to call them together, but to expect the appearance of their Northern Friends, and therefore consulting with the rest, and finding the Earl of *Norwich*, who had been some Months in *England* under a Pass from the Parliament (upon promise of making his composition, from which he had never been excluded) willing to engage himself in the Conduct of those in *Kent*, where he was well known and belov'd, his Affections and Zeal, for the King's Service being not to be doubted, they resolv'd that he should go thither; and there being many blank Commissions ready to be disposed as the Service should require, they fill'd one with His name, by which the Command of all *Kent* was committed to him, "With power to lead them any whither as the good of the King's Service should make requisite. And with this Commission he made haste into *Kent*, and found at *Maidstone* a better Body of Horse and Foot arm'd than could have been expected; enough in number to have met any Army that was like to be brought against them. They all receiv'd him with wonderful Acclamations, and vowed obedience to him. Mr *Hales* upon the News of another General to be sent thither, and upon the storms of threats and rage which fell upon him from his Grand-father, on the one side, and on his Wife by her Mother on the other side, and upon the Conscience that he was not equal to the Charge, though his Affection was not in the least declined, found means to Transport himself, and Wife, together with his Friend Mr *L' Estrange* who had lost his Credit with the People, into *Holland*; resolving, as soon as he had put his Wife out of the reach of her Mother, to return himself, and to venture his Person in the Service which he could not Conduct; which he did quickly after very heartily endeavour to do.

THE importunities from *Scotland* with the Presbyterians their Correspondent, the fame of Sr *Marmaduke Langdale's* being well receiv'd at *Edenborough*, and that many *English* Officers and Soldiers daily flocked thither, but especially the promises from *Paris* of Supplies of Arms, Ammunition, and Money, as soon as they could expect it, set all the other wheels

wheels going in *England* which had been preparing all the Winter. There were in *South Wales* Colonel *Laughorn*, Colonel *Powell*, and Colonel *Poyer*, who Commanded those parts under the Parliament, which they had serv'd from the beginning: the first of them a Gentleman of a good Extraction, and a fair Fortune in Land in those Counties, who had been bred a Page under the Earl of *Effex*, when he had a Command in the Low Countries, and continued his dependence upon him afterwards, and was much in his favour, and by that relation was first engaged in the Rebellion, as many other Gentlemen had been, without wishing ill to the King: the second was a Gentleman too, but a Soldier of Fortune: the third, had from a low Trade raised himself in the War to the Reputation of a very diligent and stout Officer, and was at this time trusted by the Parliament with the Government of the Town and Castle of *Pembroke*. These three communicated their discontents to each other, and all thought themselves ill requited by the Parliament for the Service they had done, and that other Men, especially Colonel *Mitton*, were prefer'd before them; and resolv'd to take the opportunity of the *Scots* coming in, to declare for the King upon the Presbyterian Account. But *Laughorn*, who was not infected with any of those freaks, and doubted not to reduce the other two, when it should be time, to sober Resolutions, would not engage till he first sent a confident to *Paris* to inform the Prince of what he had determin'd, and of what their wants consisted, which if not-reliev'd, they should not be able to pursue their purpose, desiring to receive Orders for the time of their declaring, and Assurance that they should in time receive those Supplies they stood in need of. And the Lord *Fermyn* sent him a promise under his hand, "That he should not fail of receiving all the things he had desired, before he could be pressed by the Enemy; and therefore conjur'd him, and his Friends, forthwith to declare for the King; which he assured them would be of singular benefit, and advantage to his Majesty's Service; since upon the first notice of their having declared, the *Scottish* Army would be ready to march into *England*. Hereupon they presently declared, before they were provided to keep the Field for want of Ammunition and Money, and when *Fembroke* was not supplied with Provisions for above two Months; and were never thought of after.

THE Lord *Byron* had been sent from *Paris*, upon the importunities from *Scotland*, to get as many to declare in *England* in several places, as might distract the Army, and keep it from an entire Engagement against them; to dispose his old Friends about *Chester* and *North Wales* to appear as soon as  
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might be: and he presently, with the help of Colonel *Robinson*, possessed himself of the Island of *Anglesey*, and dispos'd all North *Wales* to be ready to declare as soon as the *Scots* should enter the Kingdom. But that which was of most Importance, and seem'd already to have brought the War even into the heart of *England*, was that some Gentlemen, who had formerly serv'd the King in the Garrison of *Newark*, and in the Northern Army, under Sr *Marmaduke Langdale*, had (by a design consult'd with him before his going into *Scotland*, and upon Orders receiv'd from him since, when he believ'd the *Scots* would be in a short time ready to begin their March) surpris'd the strong Castle of *Pontfret* in *Yorkshire* (which had a Garrison in it for the Parliament) and grew presently so numerous, by the resort of Officers and Soldiers from the adjacent Counties, that they grew formidable to all those parts, and made the Communication between *London* and *York* insecure, except it was with strong Troops. Upon which Argument of the surpris'd of *Pontfret*, We shall enlarge hereafter, before We speak of the Tragick conclusion of this Enterprize. All Affairs were in this motion in *England*, before there was any appearance of an Army in *Scotland*, which they had promised should be ready to march by the beginning of *May*.

INDEED as to the raising an Army in *Scotland*, the difficulties were well nigh over, nor did they ever look upon that as a thing that would trouble them, but who should Command, and be General of this Army was the matter upon which the Success of all they propos'd would depend; and if they could not procure Duke *Hamilton* to be made choice of for that Service, they would promise themselves no good issue of the Undertaking. It was a hard thing to remove the old General *Lesley*, who had been hitherto in the Head of their Army in all their prosperous Successes; but he was in the confidence of *Argyle*, which was objection enough against him, if there were no other; and the Man was grown old, and appear'd in the Actions of the last Expedition into *England*, very unequal to the Command. And therefore some expedient was to be found to be rid of him; and they found it no hard matter to prevail with him to decline the Command, upon pretence of his Age and Infirmities, when in truth he had no mind to venture his Honour against the *English*, except assist'd by *English*, which had been his good Fortune in all the Actions of Moment he had perform'd in this War; and when he had been destitute of that help, he had always receiv'd some Affront. When by this means there was a new General to be named, Duke *Hamilton* was propos'd, as a fit Man to be employ'd to redeem the Honour of  
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the Nation. He had formerly discharged the Office of General under the King of *Sweden*, where *Lesley*, that had now declin'd the employment, was Major General under him; and therefore could not be thought to be without ample experience of War.

WHILST this was depending, *Argyle* took notice of *St Marmaduke Langdale's*, and *St Philip Musgrave's* being in the Town, and of some discourses which they had used, or some other *English* Officers in their Company, and desired, "That, if they were to have any Command in the Army, they might presently take the Covenant; and that there might be a general Declaration, that there should be neither Officer nor Soldier receiv'd into their Army, before he had first taken the Covenant; and that, after they were enter'd into the Kingdom of *England*, they should make no conjunction with any Forces, or Persons, who had not done, or should refuse to do the same. This proposal found no opposition; they who were most forward to raise the Army for the delivery of the King, being as violent as any to advance that Declaration. And though Duke *Hamilton* and his Brother of *Lanrick* did as well disapprove it in their own judgments, as they did foresee, out of the long experience they had of *England*, what prejudice it would bring upon them there, yet they had not the Courage in any degree to speak against it; and the Chancellor of *Scotland*, and the Earl of *Lautherdale* were as passionate for the Advancement of it, as *Argyle* himself; and seem'd to think that those two Gentlemen either had already taken, or would be willing to take it.

IT can hardly be believ'd, that, after so long knowledge of *England*, and their observation of whom the King's Party did consist, after their so often conferences with the King without prevailing upon him, in any degree, either to preserve himself at *New-Castle* from being deliver'd up to the Parliament, or in their last agitation with him, when he yielded to so many unreasonable particulars to gratify them, to consent to or promise, "That any Man should be compell'd to take the Covenant; that they should still adhere to that fatal Combination against the Church, which they could never hope to bring to pass, except they intended only to change the hand, and to keep the King under as strict a restraint, when they should get him into Their hands, as he was under the domination of the Parliament and Army: yet they were so infatuated with this resolution, that they discovered their apprehension of the King's Party, and design'd no less to oppress Them than the Independents, and Anabaptists; and upon the news of the revolt of the Fleet from the Parliament to the King, the Insurrection in *Kent*, and other places, and the general inclinations throughout the Kingdom for the

King, they slacken'd their preparations, that they might defer their March, to the end that all that strength might be oppress'd and reduced, that so they might be absolute Masters after they had prevail'd over the Army. And at last, when they could defer their March no longer, upon the importunate pressure of their Friends in *London*, they sent the Earl of *Lautherdale* with those insolent instructions, which will be mention'd anon, and positively required the Prince immediately to repair to them; declaring, "That if his Person should not be forthwith in their Army, they would return again into *Scotland* without making any attempt; and the knowing this resolution, was the reason that the Queen was so positive in her Instructions, notwithstanding the appearance of any other Advantage to the King in *England*."

SIR *Marmaduke Langdale* and Sr *Philip Musgrave* no sooner heard of this Declaration, than they went to those Lords, and expostulated very sharply with them, for "Having broken their Faiths, and betrayed them into their Country; where they were looked upon as Enemies. They were Answer'd, that they must give over their design to redeem the King, or yield to this determination, which their Parliament was so firm and united in; and would never depart from. And therefore they entreated them with all imaginable importunity, that they would take the Covenant; some of them desiring to confer with them upon it, and undertaking to satisfy them, that the Covenant did not include those things in it, which they thought it did. But when they saw those Gentlemen would not be prevail'd with, but that on the contrary they resolv'd presently to leave the Country; and told them, "They would undeceive those honest People in *England*, who were too much inclined to trust them; and that they should find that they had a harder work in hand than they imagined; the *Scottish* Lords knew well enough of what importance their presence was to be to them, for their very entrance into *England*; and thereupon desir'd them, "That they would have a little patience, and again absent themselves from *Edenborough*, till the heat of this dispute was over, and till the Army should be ready to march; and Duke *Hamilton*, who had a marvellous insinuation to get himself believ'd, assured them in confidence, "That as soon as he should find himself in the head of his Army, and upon their march, there should be no more talk of Covenants, but that all the King's Friends should be welcome, and without distinction. So they left *Edenborough* again, and went to their old Quarters; where they had not stay'd long, before the Duke sent for them to come to him in private; and, after a very chearful reception, he told them, "He was now ready; and that their Friends in

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“*England* called so importunately for them, that he was re-  
 “solv’d to march in very few days; which he thought ne-  
 “cessary to communicate to them, not only for the Friend-  
 “ship he had for them; which would always keep him with-  
 “out reserve towards them; but because he must depend upon  
 “them two to surprize the Towns of *Berwick* and *Carlisle*,  
 “against the time he should be able to march thither; for he  
 “intended to march between those two Places.

THE work was not hard to be perform’d by them, they  
 having, from their first entrance into *Scotland*, adjust’d with  
 their Friends who inhabited near those places, to be ready for  
 that enterprize when they should be called upon; which they  
 then believ’d would have been much sooner; so that they  
 were willing to undertake it, and demanded Commissions  
 from the Duke for the doing thereof; which he excus’d him-  
 self for not giving, under pretence of “The secrecy that was  
 “necessary; in respect whereof he would not trust his own Se-  
 “cretary; and likewise, as a thing unnecessary for the work;  
 “since it was their own reputation and interest, and their be-  
 “ing known to have been always trusted by the King, by  
 “which they could bring it to pass, and not His Commission;  
 “for which those Towns would have no reverence. Besides, he  
 told them, “That the Marquis of *Argyle* had still protested a-  
 “gainst their beginning the War by any Act of Hostility against  
 “the *English*, in forcing any of the Towns; which was not ne-  
 “cessary in order to the King’s deliverance; but that an Army  
 “might march to the place where the King was, to the end  
 “that those Messengers who were sent by the State to speak  
 “with the King, might have liberty to speak with his Ma-  
 “jesty; which was a Right of the Kingdom, and the de-  
 “manding it could be no breach of the Pacification between  
 “the two Kingdoms.

THIS Argument, they knew, was not reasonable enough  
 to sway the Duke. But they foresaw two other reasons, which  
 did prevail with him not to give those Commissions they de-  
 sired, which otherwise might have been given with the same  
 secrecy that the business was to be acted with; the one, The  
 Order against giving any Commission to any Man before he  
 had taken the Covenant; and how much Authority soever  
 the Duke might take upon him to dispense with that Order  
 after he should be in *England*, it might not be convenient that  
 he should assume it whilst he remain’d yet at *Edenborough*:  
 the other was, that, when they had done it without his Com-  
 mission, he might, upon his March, or as soon as he came thi-  
 ther, dispossess them of the Government, and put *Scots*-men  
 into their places; the last of which he did not dissemble to  
 them; but confessed “That, though the Council of *Scotland*,  
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“ would not attempt the taking of those Towns, yet when  
 “ They should be taken, they would expect the Government  
 “ thereof should be in Their hands, and depend upon Them,  
 “ without which they should not be able to send him those con-  
 “ tinual Supplies which he expected from them. And there be-  
 ing then a recruit of five or six thousand, which *Sr George*  
*Monroe* had near raised in the North, and from *Ireland*, who  
 were to begin their March after him, as soon as he should be  
 out of *Scotland*, the two Gentlemen had no purpose of remain-  
 ing in those Governments, well knowing that their presence  
 would be of importance to the Army, at least whilst they stay-  
 ed in the Northern Counties; yet they knew well, it was for  
 the Service that those Towns should remain in the hands of  
 the *English*, without which few of the Gentlemen of those  
 Parts would declare themselves, how well affected soever  
 they were; which when they had offer'd to the Duke, they  
 left it to him, and accepted the employment he press'd them  
 to undertake, and parted to put the same in execution in both  
 places at one time, all things being concerted between them  
 to that purpose.

*SIR Marmaduke Langdale* had several Officers, and Sol-  
 diers, laid privately on the *Scotish* side to wait his Commands,  
 and more on the *English*; there being two or three good Fa-  
 milies within two or three Miles of *Berwick*, who were well  
 affected and ready to appear when they should be required;  
 in expectation whereof they had harboured many Men. Some  
 of them *Sr Marmaduke* appointed to meet him, on the *Scotish*  
 side, at a place about a Mile distant from *Berwick*, the Night  
 before he intended the surprise, and the rest to be in the  
 Town by the rising of the Sun; some about the Market  
 place, and some upon the Bridge, by which he must enter.  
 The next Morning, being Market day, when great droves of  
 little Horses, laden with sacks of Corn, always resorted to  
 the Town, *Sr Marmaduke Langdale*, with about a hundred  
 Horse, and some few Foot, which walked with the Market  
 People, presently after Sun rising, was upon the Bridge, be-  
 fore there was any apprehension; and finding his Friends there  
 whom he expected, he caused the Bridge presently to be  
 drawn up, and guarded by his Foot, and sent others to the  
 other parts. Himself with most of his Troops went into the  
 Market place, where he found his Country Friends ready to  
 do all he would Command. There was so general a confiter-  
 nation seized upon the whole Town, there being no other  
 Garrison but Towns-men, that after they had seized upon the  
 Mayor, who was the Governour, all things were in a short  
 time so quiet, that they open'd their Ports again, that the  
 Market might not be interrupted. *Sr Philip Musgrave*, with

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 soon after.*



little opposition, possessed himself of *Carlisle*; where he had a greater Interest; and the People were generally better affected to the King, and more disinclined to the *Scots* than those of *Berwick* used to be; and they both hasten'd advertisement to the Duke of what they had done.

IT will be much wonder'd at, that after *Cromwell* plainly foresaw they should have a War with *Scotland*, and had constant Intelligence from thence of the Advances they made, he did not take care to put Garrisons into those two Important places, the very strength of which could for some time have withstood all the power which *Scotland* could have brought against them. But the same reason which had been current at *Edenborough* to this very time, had prevail'd at *Westminster*. It was specially provided for by the Act of Pacification between the two Kingdoms, when the Parliaments of both Kingdoms Combined against the King, "That there should be no more Garrisons kept on either side in *Berwick* or *Carlisle*; where they were then disbanded, and some of their Fortifications slighted; which could easily have been repaired; and, without repairing, could have kept out an Enemy for some time. And the Parliament would not now permit any Men to be sent thither, that the *Scots* might not pretend that the War was begun by them; but left *Berwick* to the Government of the Mayor and the Citizens; who could have defended themselves against the *Scots* if they had expected them. But the truth is, *Cromwell* had so perfect a contempt of the whole strength of that Nation, that he never cared what Advantage ground they had upon any Field, or what place they ever possessed.

SIR *Marmaduke Langdale* and Sr *Philip Musgrave* were no sooner possessed of *Berwick* and *Carlisle*, than all the Gentlemen, Officers, and Soldiers thereabouts, who had formerly serv'd the King, resorted and flock'd to them well Arm'd, appointed, and provided for the War; so that they had not only very sufficient Garrisons to keep those places, but Troops enough of Horse to free the adjacent Counties from those Forces, and Committees, and other Persons, who were either publicly engaged in, or well known privately to wish well to the Parliament. It was upon the 28<sup>th</sup> of *April* that Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* possessed himself of *Berwick*; and soon after Sr *Philip Musgrave* surpris'd *Carlisle*, about eight of the Clock at Night, many Gentlemen of the Neighbours being in, and about the Town, expecting his Arrival; so that the Citizens were in confusion, and made little resistance. It is very true, they had both given under their hands to Duke *Hamilton*, that they would deliver up the Towns to him when he should require them; he having assured them, "That the King had

“promised, under his hand, that those two Towns should  
 “deliver’d into the possession of the *Scots*; which it must  
 needs be supposed that they should first take from the Parliamen-  
 t, in whose possessions they were both when the King sign’d  
 the Engagement at *Carisbrook* Castle. And the Duke had  
 not only refused to give them any Men, or other Assistance  
 towards the taking them, but, as hath been said, would not  
 grant them his Commission to perform it; pretending “That  
 “he durst not do it, because they were bound not to begin  
 “the War: only He, and the other Lords of his Fraternity,  
 promised “To send five hundred Musquets, and ten Barrels of  
 “Powder to each Garrison; and that their whole Army should  
 “march into *England* within twenty days; and that, if they  
 “were sooner in distress, they should be sure to be reliev’d.

BUT after he heard that both places were possessed by them,  
 he deserr’d not to send a Governour and Garrison to receive  
*Berwick*; to whom Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* deliver’d it ac-  
 cording to his promise; and was requir’d “To march with all  
 “the *English* to the parts adjacent to *Carlisle*, and there to  
 “increase his Troops to what Number he could, with what  
 “expedition was possible; which he perform’d so effectually,  
 that, in very few days, he had a Rendezvous upon a Heath  
 within five Miles of *Carlisle*, where he Muster’d above three  
 thousand Foot well Arm’d, and seven hundred Horse not so  
 well Arm’d; all which were raised in *Cumberland*, and *West-*  
*moreland*, over and above the Garrison of *Carlisle*; which yet  
 remain’d under Sr *Philip Musgrave*; and, within two days,  
 five hundred Horse, very well appointed, came out of *York-*  
*shire*, the Bishoprick of *Durham*, and the Neighbour parts; so  
 that Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* resolv’d presently to march into  
*Lancashire*, to reduce those who were for the Parliament there;  
 which he could easily have done, the Lord *Byron* being ready  
 upon the Borders of *Cheshire* to have joyn’d with him. But  
 this quick advance and progress towards an Army, was not  
 well look’d upon at *Edenborough*; and an Express was dis-  
 patch’d with positive Orders to Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* “Not  
 “to Engage or Fight with the Enemy, upon what advantage  
 “soever, until the *Scottish* Army should come up. And where-  
 ever that Express should overtake Sr *Marmaduke*, he was im-  
 mediately to retire with his Forces near *Carlisle*; which he  
 obey’d as soon as he receiv’d the Order, and when he might  
 have march’d against *Lambert*; who was sent before with a  
 less strength than Sr *Marmaduke* Commanded, and which in all  
 probability would have been defeated.

BUT, as if this had not been discouragement enough, within  
 one or two days after that Express, Letters were sent from the  
 Council in *Scotland*, by which Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* was  
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very severely reprehended, "For receiving Papists into his Army, and not owning the Covenant in the Declarations which he had publish'd; and told, "That he should receive no Assistance from Them, except the Covenant was embraced by all his Army. This struck at the root of all their hopes; and was so contrary to all the Engagements they had receiv'd from the *Scotish* Lords, both by words and Letters, "that they should never be troubled with any such motions, "after they were once upon *English* ground; and that then "they should proceed upon those Grounds as were like to "bring in most Men to their Assistance; that *Sr Marmaduke* prevail'd with *Sr Philip Musgrave* to make a Journey forthwith to *Edenborough*, to expostulate upon the whole matter, and declare their firm Resolution to the Lords there.

*SIR Philip Musgrave*, that it might appear that they did not exclude any who had taken the Covenant, and were willing to joyn with them, carried a list with him of the names of many Officers in their Troops who had been compell'd to take the Covenant before they could be admitted to composition, or procure the Sequestration to be taken from their Estates, and of some others who had taken it for quietness sake in the places where they liv'd; with which the *Scots* were in some degree mitigated, but seem'd to retain still their rigour, that it should be submitted to by the whole Army.

IN the mean time *Lambert*, having gotten a strong Body of Horse and Foot, advanced upon *Sr Marmaduke Langdale*; who, being enjoyn'd not to fight, was forced to retire to *Carlisle*, and suffer himself to be, upon the matter block'd up on one side, whilst he sent Letter upon Letter to the Duke "To hasten his March, or to send some Troops to his Assistance, and Liberty to Fight the Enemy. Lambert marches against them.

THE Earl of *Norwich* had found the Assembly at *Maidstone* very numerous, but likewise very disorderly, and without Government, nor easy to be reduced under any Command. They had been long enough together to enter into Jealousies of one another, and from thence into Factions, and were of several opinions what they were to do. And though they all pretended an entire submission and obedience to the Earl of *Norwich* as their General, yet no Man forbore to deliver his opinion of Things and Persons, nor to enquire by what means they had first been drawn together; which imply'd that many Men wish'd they had been to begin again. The Earl was a Man fitter to have drawn such a Body together by his frolick and pleasant humour, which reconciled People of all constitutions wonderfully to him, than to form and conduct them towards any Enterprize. He had always The Earl of Norwich at Maidstone with the Kentish Forces.

liv'd in the Court in such a station of business as raised him very few Enemies; and his pleasant and jovial Nature, which was every where acceptable, made him many Friends, at least made many delight in his Company. So that by the great favour he had with the King and Queen, and the little prejudice he stood in with any Body else, he was very like if the fatal disorder of the time had not blasted his hopes, to have grown Master of a very fair Fortune; which was all that he proposed to himself. But he had no experience or knowledge of the War, nor knew how to exercise the Office he had taken upon him of General, but was very willing to please every Man, and comply with every Bodies humour; which was quickly discover'd; and so Men withdrew the Reverence they were prepared to have paid him, and grew more obstinate in their own opinions what was to be done; and the indisposition increased, when they heard that *Fairfax* himself was appointed to march towards them. They who best understood the Affair, and how to apply the strength they had to the best advantage, advised "That they might retire beyond *Rocheſter*, and by breaking down the Bridge there, and Fortifying another Pass or two, which was easy to be done, they might keep the Enemy from entering into the East of *Kent* ( which was the largest and best part of that rich and populous County ) "Longer than they would be able to continue the attempt, for fear of being inclosed by an Enemy at their back, if the City of *London*, or those of *Essex*, who were most spoken of, had a mind to declare for the King; and by this means they might be sure of a correspondence with the Fleet; of the return whereof in a short time they were most confident; and the more, because some Gentlemen of their own Body were on board the Fleet in some Authority, who, they knew, would hasten their return all they could.

MANY were the more perswaded that the Fleet was gone to the Isle of *Wight* for the rescue of the King, because those Gentlemen were gone in it. And without doubt that advice was the most reasonable, and if it had been pursued might have kept the Enemy at a Bay for some time. But other Men less reasonable were of another mind: they did not believe "that *Fairfax* could have leisure to look after them; they "were confident that the Parliament had so many Enemies "to look after, those in *Wales* growing strong, and having "beaten the Party that had been sent against them; and the "Officers in the North, who had seized upon *Pontfret* Castle "in *York-shire*, and had drawn in a strong Garrison from the "parts adjacent, had a Body of Horse, that infested all those "parts; and the *Scots* were upon their march for *England*;

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and therefore they concluded that *Fairfax* could not be at leisure to visit them: The retiring would be an Argument of Fear, which would dishearten their Friends at *London*, and all those of that part of *Kent*, which must be deserted upon their Retreat, would desert them, as soon as that resolution should be known; and therefore they desir'd, That they might all march towards *Black-Heath*; which would raise the Spirits of their Friends, and many would resort every day to them out of *London* and the parts adjacent; all which were eminently well affected.

THE Noise for this was the greater, and the Earl of *Norwich* himself was thereby sway'd to be of that opinion; and so they resolv'd to advance, and a short day was appointed for a general Rendezvous upon *Black-Heath*; and Orders were sent out accordingly.

The Kentish Army marches towards Black-Heath.

THE disturbance in so many places made the resolution of the General now to be known, which had been hitherto carefully concealed, That *Fairfax* himself was not willing to march against the *Scots*; which was not now Counsellable for him to do. *Cromwell* was very willing to take that Province to himself, and had always so great a contempt of the *Scots*, that he was willing to march with a much lesser Number than he well knew the *Scotish* Army to consist of; and being inform'd which way the *Scots* resolv'd to enter the Kingdom, and that they were even ready to march, he advanced to meet them, as soon as they should be enter'd, with those Troops which he had made choice of, having first suppress'd the Risings in South *Wales* by taking of *Pembroke* Castle, and making Prisoners therein *Laughorn*, *Powel*, and *Poyer*, the heads of that Insurrection, and not troubling himself with *Pontfret* Castle, which he thought would not be of great consequence, if the *Scots* were subdued.

Cromwell advances against the Scots:

FAIRFAX, with a numerous part of the Army, remain'd in and about *London* to suppress the Insurrection in *Kent*, and watch any other which should fall out in the City or thereabouts; of which they had more apprehension than of all the power of *Scotland*. And so when the Parliament was advertised by their Troops which were first sent, that they were too weak to advance farther, and heard that the Earl of *Norwich* was declar'd General of the *Kentish* Troops, and was marching in the Head of them towards *Black-Heath*, *Fairfax* drew all his Army together, and his Cannon, and march'd over *London* Bridge to meet the Men of *Kent* at *Black-Heath*, and to stop their march to *London*. The Earl was now advanced so far, and *Fairfax* advanced too fast to put the former Counsel in practice, of breaking down the Bridges, and keeping the Passes, and they who had oppos'd that

Fairfax against the Kentish Men.

that Counsel, and were so forward to advance, thought they were now too far. The Country-men were weary of being all night in the Field, though it was the warmest Season of the Year, and many withdrew themselves every day; so that they who remain'd, had no reason to believe themselves equal to the power that march'd towards them, and yet there were more left than could hope to preserve themselves by flying, and by concealment. And therefore, as *Fairfax* advanced, the *Kentish* Forces drew back; made several stands; but, being hard pressed, they divided, some retiring to *Rocheſter*, others to *Maidſtone*. Those at *Maidſtone* had a sharp Encounter with the General's whole strength, and Fought very bravely, but were at last Defeated. In the mean time the Earl of *Norwich*, and divers other Officers who were with the Party at *Rocheſter*, quitting that place, march'd back towards *London*, in hope still of the City's joyning with them. But that failing, and apprehending *Fairfax* would be soon in their Rear, the Earl and those who remain'd, and design'd to run the utmost hazard, resolv'd to pass themselves and their Horses by such Boats as they had ready about *Greenwich*, and down the River, over into *Essex*, where they knew they had many Friends, and where *Fairfax* and his Army could not visit them in some days. So they made a shift to transport themselves to the number of near a thousand Men, Horse and Foot; whereof many were Officers and Soldiers who had serv'd the King, and young Gentlemen grown up in Loyal Families, who had been too young to appear before.

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THEY found many Persons in *Essex* ready to joyn with them, who came sooner together than they intended, upon the Alarm of *Kent*; and who had purpos'd to have pass'd over into *Kent* to have joyn'd with, and assisted those who had so frankly appear'd for the King, if they had not been prevented by their unexpected coming to them. There was the brave Lord *Capel*, Sr *William Compton*, Sr *Charles Lucas*, Sr *George Lisle*, all excellent Officers. There was Sr *Bernard Gascoign*, and many other Gentlemen, and Officers of Name, who had drawn together many Soldiers. To these joyn'd Colonel *Farr*; who had serv'd the Parliament, and was a known Creature and Confident of the Earl of *Warwick's*, and had at that time the Command of *Languard Point*, a Fort of importance upon the Sea; so that when they were all come together, with those who came from *Kent*, they made a Body of above three thousand Horse and Foot, with Officers enough to have form'd and commanded a very good Army.

THEY well knew *Fairfax* would quickly visit them, and therefore they chose to post themselves in *Colchester*, a great and

and populous Town, which though unfortified, they cast up such works before the Avenues, that they did not much fear to be forced by any Assault; and resolv'd to expect a Conjunction with other of their Friends; and were in great hopes that the *Scottish Army*, which they heard was upon its march, would be with them before they could be distressed.

THEY had scarce put themselves and the Town, which was not glad of their company, into any order, before *Fairfax* came upon them; who made no stay in *Kent*, after he heard what was become of the Earl of *Norwich* and his Friends; but left two or three Troops of Horse to settle that County with the assistance of their Committees, who had been driven from thence, and returning now Victorious, knew well enough how to deal with those who had revolted from them. When he came first before *Colchester*, and saw it without any Fortifications, he thought presently to have enter'd the Town with his Army; but he found so rude resistance, that by the advice of *Ireton*, who was left by *Cromwell* to watch the General as well as the Army, he resolv'd to encompass it with his Troops, and without hazarding the loss of Men to block them up, till Famine should reduce them; and disposed his Army accordingly; which quickly stopped up all Passages by which either Men or Provisions should get into the Town; though by many brave Sallies from within, their Quarters were often beaten up, and many Valiant Men were lost on both sides.

*Fairfax besieges them.*

THE Fleet, after it had, with all imaginable cheerfulness, submitted to the Command of the Prince, was not so active as it was expected it should be; and was very much the worse for the Factions, and Divisions, which were amongst those who attended upon the Prince; who according to their several humours, endeavour'd to work upon the Sea-men; a People capable of any impression, but not very retentive of it. Prince *Rupert*, to whom the Prince was very kind, did not, upon many old contests in the late War, love the Lord *Colepepper*, who was not of a temper that cared to court him: and there was one, who had the greatest influence on Prince *Rupert*, *Herbert* the Attorney General, that of all Men living was most disposed to make discord and disagreement between Men; all his faculties being resolv'd into a spirit of contradicting, disputing, and wrangling upon any thing that was proposed. He having no title or pretence to interpose in Councils, and yet there being no secret in the Debates there, found it easy to infuse into Prince *Rupert*, who totally resign'd himself to his Advice, such Arguments as might disturb any Resolution: and there were so many who were angry that they were not admitted into the Council, as the Lords *Piercy*,

*Factions in the Prince's Fleet.*

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*Wilmot*, and *Wentworth*, that it was no hard matter to get a thing disliked that was resolv'd there. They had all their admission and countenance from the Prince, that they had as much confidence to speak to, and before him, as any where else. Prince *Rupert* had a great mind that somewhat should be attempted upon the Coast, which might have caused some Sea Towns, and the parts adjacent, to have declared for the King; which seem'd not a design that would bear a reasonable discourse. But Action was a very grateful word to the Sea-men, and they who oppos'd any thing that tended toward it, were look'd upon with great jealousy and prejudice. But the Prince was oblig'd, as hath been said, by his Instructions at *Paris*, not to engage himself in any thing that might divert him from being ready at the minute when the *Scots* should call for his presence; and they expected the first intimation of that from *London*; from whence they had the assurance already, that Duke *Hamilton* was enter'd into the Kingdom with an Army of above thirty thousand Men; which was then generally thought true, though they fell far short of the number.

It enters the River of Thames; takes several Ships.

WHEN the Prince came with the Fleet into the Sea from *Helvoet Sluce*, he met a Ship of *London* bound for *Rotterdam*, and laden with Cloth by the Company of Merchant Adventurers, who did not think that the Fleet could have been so soon ready for Sea. This Ship was taken, and the Decks being Seal'd up, was kept under Guard with the Fleet; which, at their Enterance into the River of *Thames*, took many other Ships of great value outward bound, and intercepted all Vessels homeward bound, and amongst those an East India Ship richly laden, and the more welcome because the Ship it self was a very strong Ship, and would make an excellent Man of War, and the Captain thereof was a Sea-man of Courage, and *Experience*, and was very well inclined to serve the King: and, without doubt, if all the Ships which were then taken, had been sent into some secure Ports, the value of the Goods would have mounted to so great a Sum, as might have countervail'd a very great Expence at Sea and Land. But as it would have been very difficult to have found such a secure Port, where that Treasure might have been deposited, so it was not suitable to those measures which had been taken, and were still pursued, for his Royal Highness's proceedings. The City of *London* was to be courted by all the Artifices imaginable, and that was so alarm'd by the Fleet's being in the River, and by the Seizure of so many of their Ships, especially the Cloth Ship, that there was a general consternation amongst the People: and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen applied themselves to the Parliament, for leave to send down some Agents to the Fleet



to procure a release of that Ship; and if that could not be brought to pass, that they might buy it at as good rate as they could get it. Which was the introducing such a Commerce and Correspondence between the Fleet and the City, in such a conjuncture of jealousy, that most Men believ'd the Parliament would never have hearken'd to it; and concluded, from their granting it, that there was another sort of Treasure inclosed in that Ship, than what belonged to the Merchant Adventurers; and that many of those who granted that indulgence to that City, had more Money on board that Vessel than the Cloath was worth, though the value thereof amounted to no less than forty thousand pounds.

UPON this liberty granted by the Parliament, a Committee was sent from the City with a Petition to the Prince of Wales, Commissioners sent to the Prince from the City with a Petition. "That he would restore the Ship which belonged to his Father's good Subjects. With these Men came Letters from some of those who were well known to be very solicitous at that time for the advancement of the King's Service, and privacy to the Treaty with the Scots, and whatever was intended by the Earl of Holland: The Countess of Carlisle, who was trusted by all that People, and had gotten again confidence with the Queen, trusted Mr Lowe, who was employed by the City in this Negotiation, to say many things to the Prince of the good inclinations of the City, and how necessary it was not to irritate it. And he brought other Letters, and Testimonies to give him credit, as a Man trusted by all who intended to serve the King, who had with wonderful Address got him to be one of those employed by the City, that he might, under that security, give such Animadversions to the Prince, and to his Council, as was necessary. He was a Man intelligent enough of the spirit and humour of the City, and very conversant with the Nobility and Gentry about the Town; and though he was trusted by the Presbyterian Party, as a Man entirely addicted to Them, he took pains to insinuate himself into many of the King's Party, which did believe him fit to be trusted in any thing that might concern them. But he was a Man of so voluble a Tongue, and so everlasting a Talker, and so undertaking and vain, that no sober Man could be imposed upon by him.

UPON the receipt of this Petition, the Prince writ a long The Prince writes to the City. Letter to the City, and inclosed in it a Declaration, for the publishing of both which in Print care was taken, the substance of which was, "The great affection he bore to the City, and the prosperity thereof; the whole being in such a Style as might best please the Presbyterians, with less care than should have been used to preserve the Zeal of the King's Party; and desiring "That they would joyn with him for the delivery  
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“of the King his Father out of Prison, and to make a good understanding between his Majesty and the Parliament, which his Highness desired with all imaginable concernment. The Citizens quickly found, that there was no hope to have their Ship released without a good Sum of Money, which the Prince told them “Was absolutely necessary for the payment of the Sea-men, and he would receive it as a loan from them, and repay it when a Peace should be made. So some of them return’d to *London*, and the rest remain’d with the Fleet, coming and going for a Month, and driving many bargains for other Ships. By this means the Prince receiv’d Advertisement of the *Scots* continuing their march, and that those who were inclosed in *Colchester*, were in a very good condition, and willing to expect relief; which they would be sure to receive in due time, the Earl of *Holland* being ready to declare as soon as their pressures should require it. After near a Months negotiation, there was about twelve thousand pounds paid to the Prince, and thereupon that Cloth Ship was deliver’d to the Merchants, with a general opinion, as hath been said, that there was somewhat else besides Cloth in the Body of it; for which there was not any Search suffer’d to be made.

WHILST the Prince lay in the *Downs*, there was an Enterprize necessary to be made on Shore, which did not succeed to wish. Upon the first revolt of the Fleet from the Parliament, and before it set sail for *Holland*, it had taken one or two of those Block-Houses, or Castles, which are nearest the *Downs*, and had left some Sea-men in them, with sufficient Provisions to defend themselves till the Fleet should return. The Prince found these Block-Houses besieged, and receiv’d Intelligence out of them, that their Provisions were so near spent, that they could not hold out above so many days. The strength that lay before them, consisted more in Horse than Foot; and at high Tyde the Boats might go so near, that there seem’d little difficulty of putting in relief, or to compel the Besiegers to rise: and the Sea-men, having nothing else to do, offer’d to undertake the Service for the redemption of their Fellows; many Land Officers being likewise on board, and some Foot Soldiers, the Prince sent some of those with the Sea-men to undertake the business, but it had no good issue; the Tyde was too far spent before it begun; whereby they had more ground to march between their Landing and the Castle than they imagined, and the Horse charged them with such resolution, that many of the Men were killed, and more taken Prisoners, and the rest forced to their Boats with more disorder than became them. And some other attempts being afterwards made with no better success, the Block-Houses at  
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It came into the hands of the Enemy; which, though of little inconvenience to the Prince, those Forts being of very small importance to do any prejudice, yet there were some disreputation in it; and it discredited the designs, which had not yet appear'd very prosperous in any place; and any access of good Fortune rais'd the Spirits of the Parliament's Party, who easily were perswaded to think it greater than it was, in a time when they lay under some Mortification.

By this time another Fleet was prepar'd by the Parliament of more and better Ships than had revolted, and the Command thereof given to the Earl of *Warwick*; who very frankly accepted it; and was already on board, and with the Tyde was come within sight of the Prince; and there dropped Anchor. So that both Fleets lay within that distance of each other, that there was now nothing thought of but a Battle; to which there seem'd all alacrity in the Prince's Fleet; and, it may be, the more upon the Intelligence that the other was not well mann'd, and that many were put on board who had more affection for the King; which they would manifest when they came within distance: but whether that fancy was from Imagination or Intelligence, it seem'd to have no foundation in truth.

*The Parliament prepares a Fleet against the revolted Fleet, under Command of the Earl of Warwick.*

THE Earl of *Warwick* and his Fleet appear'd resolute and prepar'd enough for an Engagement: yet it was well known, that the Earl was privy to the Engagement of his Brother the Earl of *Holland*, and had promis'd to joyn with him. And therefore it was thought fit, that the Prince should write to the Earl to summon, or invite him to return to his Allegiance. This was sent by *Harry Seymour*, who quickly return'd with an Answer from the Earl, which, in terms of Duty enough, humbly besought his Highness "To put himself into the hands of the Parliament; and that the Fleet with him might submit to their Obedience; upon which they should be pardon'd for their Revolt."

*The Prince writes to the Earl of Warwick. His Answer.*

THOUGH this might well have satisfi'd concerning the Earl's inclination, yet the Prince was prevail'd with, that Mr *Crofts* might give the Earl a visit; who, having more acquaintance with him, having Married his Aunt, might be able to get a private Audience of the Earl; which *Seymour* endeavour'd, but could not obtain. But *Crofts* return'd as the other did; and now there wanted only a Wind to bring them together, which coming fair for the Prince, he resolv'd to attack them. All Anchors were weigh'd, and preparations made to advance to the Assault, the whole Fleet being under Sail towards the other; which seem'd equally resolv'd and dispos'd, though the Wind, which drove the Prince upon them, compell'd them a little to retire, where the River was somewhat narrower.

narrower. In an instant the Wind ceased, and there was a Calm; so that the Prince could not advance; and some doubts arose, upon the narrowing of the River, as if some of his Ships might want Water in the Engagement. In this deliberation the Wind rose again; but from another Quarter, which was directly in the Prince's face; and would not suffer him to move towards the Enemy, but drove him back, and would carry him out of the River. Hereupon were new consultations; great want of Provisions was discover'd to be in the Fleet, infomuch as that they should not be able to stay at Sea above ten days, and many Ships would want sooner, and therefore since the Earl of *Warwick*, as the Wind stood, could not be compell'd to Fight, and they were in danger to be distressed for Provisions, it was thought most Counsellable to put to Sea; where they could more commodiously engage in a Battle, if the Earl of *Warwick* would advance; and if he did not, there was great reason to hope, that the Prince might meet with those Ships which were coming from *Portsmouth* to joyn with the Earl, and which might easily be surpris'd or taken by the Prince's Fleet; which was much superior to them in strength.

AT this time the Earl of *Lautherdale* arriv'd in a Ship from *Scotland*; and having left Duke *Hamilton* upon his march towards *Berwick*, he was sent to demand the performance of the Treaty, and that the Prince would immediately repair to that Army. This confirm'd the Prince in the purpose of putting out to Sea, since it was absolutely necessary to carry the Fleet first into *Holland*, before he could transport him into the Northern parts. So the whole Fleet went to Sea, and continued their course for *Holland*, with hope still to meet with those Ships which were coming from *Portsmouth*. And meet with them they did in the Night; which the Prince knew not till the Morning; when one put the fault upon another; and it was now necessary to make all possible haste to *Holland*, since by the conjunction with these Ships, besides all other Advantages, the Earl of *Warwick* was now become superior in the number, as well as the strength and goodness of his Ships; which appear'd by his coming before *Helvoet Sluce*, within few days after the Prince's arrival there.

IT was near the middle of *July*, when Duke *Hamilton* enter'd into *England* with his Army, when he came to *Carlisle*, and immediately took that Government from Sr *Philip Musgrave*, and drew out all the *English* Garrison, and put *Scots* in their place. And after some few days stay there, the *English* and *Scottish* Forces met at a Rendezvous, in the way to that part of *Cumberland* where *Lambert* then Quarter'd: and if they had continued their March, as they ought to have done,

The Prince went to Sea towards *Holland*, after having attempted to Fight the Earl of *Warwick*.

The Earl of *Warwick* follows him towards *Holland*.

Duke *Hamilton* enters *England* about the middle of *July*.

The Duke's march.

it is very probable they had broken that Body of *Lambert's*. But the Duke would Quarter that Night two Miles short; and *Lambert*, in the same Night, marched from thence in great disorder and confusion to the edge of *York-shire*. The Duke rested many days, that all his Forces might come up, which came slowly out of *Scotland*. As soon as they were come up, he march'd to *Kendal*; where he rested again several days; the reason whereof no body could imagine. It was suspected it was, that the Forces, which were up in several parts of the Kingdom for the King, might undergo some defeat, that they might not be so united, as to controul or obstruct the Presbyterian design. For after that Army was enter'd into *England*, it moved, as hath been said, by such very slow Marches, and so negligently, and with so little apprehension of an Enemy, and it was Quarter'd at so great a distance, that the head Quarter was very often twenty Miles distant from some part of the Army; the Duke himself performing no part of the office of a General, but taking his ease, and being wholly govern'd by the Lieutenant General of the Army, and two or three other Officers.

SIR *Marmaduke Langdale* marched, with his Body of *English*, consisting of near four thousand Foot, and seven or eight hundred Horse, always a day before the Army; by which they intended to have timely Advertisement of the Enemies motion, and likewise meant that he should bear the first brunt of them, desiring to weaken him by all the ways they could. They had not marched many days, it being now near the middle of *August*, when Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* Advertised the Duke by an Express, "That he had receiv'd unquestionable Intelligence that *Cromwell* was within two or three days march, and resolv'd to engage his Army as soon as possibly he could, and that he would not be diverted from it, by the People's gathering together at any distance from him, in what posture soever; and therefore desir'd his Grace, "That he would keep his Army close together; for they could not be far asunder with any security; and declared; "That he himself would rest, and wait the advance of the Enemy, and then retire back as he should find it necessary.

THE Duke, notwithstanding this Advertisement, reform'd not the Order of his march in any degree, but was persuaded "That the Enemy could not be so near; and that, if *Cromwell* was advanced to such a distance, it was only with such a Party, as he would not presume to engage with their whole Army. In this confidence, he marched as he had done before. Sr *Marmaduke* sent him every day advice that confirm'd the former, "And that his Horse had encounter'd some of the Enemy, and that their whole Body was at hand; but

Sr M. Langdale a day before him.

Sr M. Langdale gives him an Account of the English Army.

“but that it was true, it was not a Body equal in number to their Army, yet all that *Cromwell* expected was to joyn Battle with him. All this gain'd not credit, till *Sr Marmaduke* himself, making his retreat with very sharp Skirmishes, in which many Men fell on both sides, was pursued into the head Quarters of the Duke; whither he likewise brought with him some Prisoners, who averr'd, that the whole Body of the Army was within five or six Miles, and marched as fast as they were able.

THE Duke was confounded with the Intelligence, and knew not what to do: the Army was not together; and that part that was about him, was without any order, and made no shew of any purpose to Fight. In this Amazement, the Duke stay'd himself with some Officers at *Preston*; and caus'd his Foot to be drawn over a Bridge, that they might march towards *Wigan*, a Town in *Lancashire*, where he should, as he thought, find some Regiments, and where they might make some stand till the rest should come up. In the mean time *Sr Marmaduke Langdale* return'd to his Troops, the Duke having promised to send him some Troops to assist, and that some Foot should be sent to keep a Lane, that would Flank his Men upon his retreat. *Sr Marmaduke* retired before the Enemy, and drew up his Troops in the Clos'es near *Preston*. The Enemy followed him close, and press'd him very hard; notwithstanding which he maintain'd the dispute for above six hours with great Courage, and with very great loss to the Enemy in Officers, and Common Soldiers; insomuch as they seem'd to retire, at least to make a stand. And in all this time the *Scots* sent him no Assistance, but concluded that it was not *Cromwell's* whole Army that Assaulted him, but only some Party, which he would himself be well enough able to disengage himself from. And *Sr Marmaduke Langdale* told me often afterwards, “That he verily believ'd, if one thousand Foot had then been sent to him, he should have gain'd the day: and *Cromwell* himself acknowledged, that he never saw Foot Fight so desperately as They did.

*Sr M. Langdale* fights, and is beaten; and *Duke Hamilton* routed.

THE *Scots* continued their march over the Bridge, without taking care to secure the Lane, which he had recommended to them; by which *Cromwell's* Horse came upon his Flank, whilst he was equally press'd in the Van. So that his excellent Body of Foot being broken, *Sr Marmaduke*, and such of his Horse as kept together, were driven into the Town; where the Duke remain'd yet with some Officers; who all retreated over a Ford to the Foot, who were in equal disorder. For as soon as the *English* Forces were broken, the *Scots* were presently beaten from the Bridge, and forced to a very disorderly march. However, the Duke had still a great part of his own Army

Army together; with which he continued to march two or three days to *Wiggan*; thence to *Warrington*; where *Baily* capitulated, and deliver'd up all the Foot; thence to *Nantwich*, and at last to *Uxeter*; and in all that time many of the *Scottish* Noblemen forsook him, and render'd themselves Prisoners to the Gentlemen of the Country; and *Cromwell's* Troops under *Lambert*, pressed so hard upon the Rear, that they killed, and took as many Prisoners as they pleased, without hazarding their own Men. The Duke was scarce got into *Uxeter*, when his Troops, which made no resistance, were beaten in upon him, and so close pursued by *Cromwell's* Horse under *Lambert*, that himself and all the principal Officers (some few excepted, who, lying concealed, or by the benefit of the swiftness of their Horses, made their escape) were taken Prisoners: the Duke neither behaving himself like a General, nor with that Courage which he was before never thought to want; but making all submissions, and all excuses to those who took him.

The Duke taken.

THUS his whole Army was Routed, and Defeated; more killed out of contempt, than that they deserv'd it by any opposition; the rest taken Prisoners, all their Cannon and Baggage taken, and their Colours; only some of their Horse, which had been Quarter'd most backward, made haste to carry news to their Country of the ill success of their Arms. They who did not take the way for *Scotland*, were for the most part taken by the activity of the Country, or the Horse that pursued them; whereof *Sr Marmaduke Langdale*, after he had made his way with some of his Officers and Soldiers, who stood with him till they found it safest to disperse themselves, had the ill Fortune to be discover'd; and so was taken Prisoner, and sent to the Castle of *Nottingham*. All this great Victory was got by *Cromwell* with an Army amounting to a third part of the *Scots* in Number, if they had been all together; and it was not diminished half a hundred in obtaining this Victory, after the *English* Forces under *Langdale* had been defeated.

Sr M. Langdale taken.

IT may be proper now to mention, that the Lord *Cottington*, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had many misadventures; which detain'd them from attending upon the Prince in the Fleet. As soon as they heard that his Highness had put himself on board a Ship at *Calais* to find the Fleet in *Holland*, they Embarked at *Diepe*, in a *French* Man of War that was bound for *Dunkirk*; where when they arriv'd, they found a Gentleman, a Servant of the Prince's, who inform'd them, "That the Prince was with the whole Fleet in the Downs, and that he had sent him with a Letter to the Marshal *Ranzaw*, who was Governour of *Dunkirk*, to borrow a Frigate

“of him; which he had there, and had by some civil Message offer’d to lend to his Highness; and the Marshal, who receiv’d them with great civility, assured them that the Frigate should be ready the next day, and if they pleas’d to make use of it, should carry them to the Prince.

THEY look’d upon it as a good opportunity, which would deliver them much sooner at the Fleet, than they had before expected to be; and so without weighing the Dangers which might accompany it, and might very naturally have been foreseen, they embraced the occasion; there being no hazard which they apprehended at Sea, but that they might be taken by the Parliament Ships; which, by the Prince’s being with his Fleet in the *Downs*, and so being Master at Sea, was hardly possible. So they unwarily put themselves into that Frigate, and set Sail in the Evening from *Dunkirk*; presuming that they should, the next Morning, find themselves in the *Downs* with the Prince. But there was so dead a calm that Night, that they made very little way; and, the next Morning, they found that they were chased by six or seven Frigats of *Ostend*. In short, they were taken Prisoners, and plunder’d of all they had (which amounted to good value in Jewels and Money) and were carried into *Ostend*, where, though they were presently at liberty, they were compell’d to stay many days, not without some hope, rais’d by the civility of the *Spanish* Governour, and the Lords of the Admiralty there, who very liberally promis’d an entire restitution of all that they had lost. But that being without any effect, that brutish People, the Free-booters, being subject to no Government, they found means to give notice to the Prince of all that happen’d, and that they would attend his Command at *Flushing*; whither they easily went. Within few days after, the Prince, out of the *Downs*, sent a Frigate for them to *Flushing*; where they embark’d several times, and were at Sea the whole Night, and in the Morning driven back by high Winds, sometimes into *Flushing*, sometimes to *Ramikins*; and so were compelled to go to *Middleborough*, and after a Months stay in those places, and many attempts to get to Sea, they receiv’d Order from the Prince to attend him in *Holland*, whither he had resolv’d to go, as soon as the Earl of *Lautherdale* arriv’d from *Scotland* in the Fleet, and had deliver’d his imperious invitation for the Prince’s immediate repair to the *Scottish* Army; which was then enter’d into *England*. By this means they came not to the Prince, till the next day after he came to the *Hague*, having left the Fleet before *Goree* and near *Helvoet Sluce*.

The Prince comes to the Hague.

THE Prince was receiv’d by the States with all outward respect, and treated by them for four or five days at their charge;



charge; his Royal Highness every Night lodging in the Palace, which belonged to the States too, where the Prince of *Orange* and the Princess lay, and where both his Royal Highness ~~and the Duke of York~~ had very good apartments; the Prince and Duke, after two or three days, always eating with the Princess Royal, the Prince of *Orange* himself keeping his own Table open, according to custom for the resort of such of the States, or Officers of the Army, or other Noble Persons, who frequently repaired thither.

~~THE~~ Prince of *Wales*'s Court was full of Faction, and Animosity against each other, so that the new comers were not only very well receiv'd by the Prince, but very welcome to every Body, who being angry with the other Councillors there, believ'd that matters would be better carried now they were come. They had not been an hour in the *Hague*, when *Herbert* the Attorney General came to them, and congratulated their Arrival, and told them "How much they had been wanted, and how much Prince *Rupert* longed for their Company. And within a very short time after, Prince *Rupert* himself came to bid them welcome, with all possible grace, and profession of great kindness and esteem for them. They both inveighed bitterly against the whole administration of the Fleet, in which most part of the Court, which had been present, and who agreed in nothing else, concurr'd with them.

*Divisions among the Prince of Wales's Court.*

THE whole clamour was against the Lord *Colepepper*, and *Sr Robert Long* the Prince's Secretary, who, by the Queen's injunction, was wholly subservient to the Lord *Colepepper*. They accused them of corruption, not only with reference to the Cloth Ship, but to the release of very many other Ships, which they had discharged upon no other reason, but as it would be a very Popular thing, and make the Prince grateful to the City of *London*. Though there was much discourse of Money brought to both their Cabins by *Mr Lowe* yet there was never any proof made of any corruption in the Lord *Colepepper*, who was not indeed to be wrought upon that way; but, having some infirmities, and a multitude of Enemies, he was never absolv'd from any thing of which any Man accused him; and the other was so notoriously inclined to that way of Husbandry, that he was always thought guilty of more than he was charged with. It was true enough that great Riches were parted with, and had been released for little or no Money; which being now exceedingly wanted, made it easily believ'd that such unthrifty Counsel could not have been given, except by those who were well rewarded for it; which still fell upon those two.

THERE was a general murmur that the Fleet had lain so long

long idle at the mouth of the River, when it had been proposed that it might go to the Isle of *Wight*, where they might, in the consternation the whole Kingdom was then in, probably have been able to have released the King: ~~Barisbrooke~~ being near the Sea, a Castle not strong in it self, the Island well affected, and at that time under no such power as could subdue them. And why such an attempt, which, if unsuccessful, could have been attended with no damage considerable, was not made, was never fully answer'd.

*Barisbrooke* THEY were very angry with *Batten*, and would have it Treachery in him, that the two Fleets did not Fight with each other, when they were so near engaging in the River; which, they said, they might well have done before the Wind changed, if he had not dissuaded the Prince; and in this the clamour of the Sea-men joyn'd with them. But it was but clamour, for most dispassionate Men gave him a good Testimony in that affair, and that he behaved himself like a skilful Officer, and was very forward to Fight whilst there was reason to effect it. The other reproach upon him of passing by the Ships which came from *Portsmouth*, in the Night, was not so well answer'd: for it was known, though he said that they were pass'd by, and out of reach before he was inform'd of them, that he had notice time enough to have engaged them, and did decline it; which might reasonably enough have been done, out of apprehension, besides the inconvenience of a Night Engagement, that the noise of the conflict might have called the Earl of *Warwick* out of the River to their Assistance, before they could have master'd them; there being two or three of the best Ships of the Royal Navy, which would have made a very notable resistance. But this being never urged by himself, and what would have been too much for him to have taken upon himself, it was imputed to his cowardize, of which the Sea men, as well as the Courtiers, accused him; though, as was generally thought, without reason, and only with prejudice to the Man for what he had done before, and because he was a Man of a regular and orderly course of Life, and Command, and of very few words, and less passion than at that time raised Men to reputation in that Province. There was only one Man in the Council of whom no body spoke ill, nor laid any thing to his Charge; and that was the Lord *Hopton*. But there was then such a combination, by the countenance of Prince *Rupert*, with all the other Lords of the Court, and the Attorney General, upon former grudges, to undervalue him, that they had drawn the Prince himself to have a less esteem of him than his singular Virtue, and Fidelity, and his unquestionable Courage, and Industry (all which his Enemies could not deny that he excelled in) did deserve.

THIS

THIS State the Court was in, when the two lately mention'd Counsellors came; who quickly discern'd, by the unsteady humours, and strong passions all Men were possessed with, ~~that they~~ should not preserve the Reputation they seem'd to have with every Body for the present, any long time, and foresaw that necessity would presently break in upon them like an Arm'd Man, that would disturb and distract all their Counsels. And there was, even at the instant in which they arriv'd at the *Hague*, the fatal Advertisement of that ~~Defeat~~ of the *Scottish* Army, which must break all their measures, and render the condition of the Prince, and of the whole Kingdom, very deplorable, and leave that of the King his Father in the utmost despair.

THE Rumour of this Defeat came to the *Hague* the next day after the Prince came thither, but not so particularly that the extent of it was known, or the Tragical effects yet thoroughly understood. And his Highness appointing his Council to meet together the next Morning after the Lord *Cottingham* and the Chancellor of the Exchequer came thither, he inform'd them of the Lord *Lautherdale's* Message to him from the Parliament of *Scotland*, and that he very earnestly pressed him, even since the News of the Defeat, that he would forthwith repair to their Army; and his Highness thought fit, that the Earl should give an Account of his Commission at the Board; whereupon he was sent for in; and, that all respect might be shew'd to the Parliament of *Scotland*, he had a Chair allow'd him to sit upon.

HE first read his Commission from the Parliament, and then the Letter which the Parliament, had writ to the Prince; in which, having at large magnified the great Affection of the Parliament, The Letter of the Parliament of Scotland to the Prince. "That out of their native, and constant Affection and Duty to their King, and finding that, contrary to the Duty of Subjects, his Majesty was imprison'd by the Traiterous and Rebellious Army in *England*, they had rais'd an Army in that Kingdom, that, since their Advice, Counsel, and Entreaty in an amicable way, could not prevail, might by force redeem his Majesty's Person from that captivity; which they held themselves obliged by their solemn League and Covenant to endeavour to do, with the hazard of their Lives and Fortunes: That this Army was already enter'd into *England*, under the Command of *James Duke Hamilton*, whom, in respect of his known and eminent fidelity to his Majesty, they had made General thereof; and having now done all that was in their power to do for the present, and having taken due care for the seasonable supply and recruit of that Army, they now sent to his Highness, that he would with all possible speed, according to

“ the promise which the King his Father had made, transport  
 “ his Royal Person, that he might himself be in the head of  
 “ that Army to obtain the Liberty of his Father; and they  
 desir’d him, “ That for the circumstances ~~of his Journey~~ he  
 “ would be advised by the Earl of *Lautherdale*, to whom they  
 “ had given full Instructions; and they besought his Highness  
 “ to give credit to him in all things.

THE Earl likewise shew’d his Instructions, by which none  
 of the Prince’s Chaplains were to be admitted to attend him,  
 and great care to be taken, that none but ~~Chaplain~~ *Chaplain* should  
 be suffer’d to be about the Person of his Highness; and par-  
 ticularly that neither Prince *Rupert*, nor the Chancellor of the  
 Exchequer, nor some other Persons should be admitted to go  
 with the Prince. And after all these things were read and  
 enlarged upon, he pressed the Prince, with all imaginable in-  
 stance, and without taking notice of any thing that was be-  
 fallen their Army in *England*, of which he could not but have  
 had particular relation, that he would lose no time from en-  
 tring upon his Journey; and all this with as insolent, and  
 supercilious behaviour, as if their Army had been triumphant.

Delibera-  
 tion in the  
 Prince’s  
 Council a-  
 bout it.

WHEN he had said all he meant to say, he sat still, as if  
 he expected to hear what the Prince or any Body else would  
 say to what he propos’d. It was then mov’d, “ That, if he  
 “ had no more to say, he would withdraw, to the end that  
 “ the Council might Debate the matter, before they gave  
 “ their Advice to the Prince. He took this motion very ill,  
 and said “ He was a Privy Counciller to the King in *Scotland*,  
 “ and being likewise a Commissioner from the Parliament,  
 “ he ought not to be excluded from any Debate that con-  
 “ cern’d the Affair upon which he was employ’d. This he  
 urg’d in so imperious, and offensive a manner, that drew on  
 much sharpness; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who  
 knew him very well since the Treaty at *Uxbridge*, where  
 they had often differ’d in matters of the highest importance,  
 treated him with the same liberty they had then been ac-  
 custom’d to. He told him, “ He meant not to say any thing  
 “ in that Debate, when he should be withdrawn, that he de-  
 sir’d should be conceal’d from him, or unheard by him;  
 “ and that he was ready to say, that in his judgment, all  
 “ he had propos’d was very unreasonable; but he would not  
 “ that the Dignity of the Board should be prostituted to his  
 “ Demand, nor that he should be present there at any Debate.  
 The Earl replied, “ That he was sent by the Parliament, and  
 “ Kingdom of *Scotland*, to the Prince of *Wales*, and that he  
 “ did protest against having any thing he propos’d to be  
 “ treated, and debated by, or before the *English* Board; nor  
 “ did he consider what was, or should be said, by any Man  
 “ but

“but the Prince himself. The Prince told him, “It was necessary that he himself should hear, and know what the opinion of the Council should be; and that it was as unreasonable that he should be present; and thereupon commanded him to withdraw; which he presently submitted to with indecency enough. The Prince then told them, “That there were some Persons come to the Town, the last night, who came out of *England* after the News of the Victory over the *Scots* came to *London*, with all the circumstances thereof, and of the Duke’s being taken Prisoner; and that the Prince of *Orange* had told him, “That the States had receiv’d Intelligence of it from their Embassadour *Newport*, who resided in *London*. Upon the whole matter, the Prince resolv’d “To meet again the next Morning to consult farther what he was to do, and that probably, in the mean time, the Intelligence would be more perfect, and unquestionable, and they should see whether *Lautherdale* would take any notice of it.

BUT the Night made no alteration in him; he appear’d the next morning with the same confidence, and the same opportunity for the Prince to remove, and begin his Journey. He was ask’d, “Whether he had receiv’d no Information of some ill Fortune, that had befallen that Army, which might so change the case since he left *Scotland*, that what might Then have been fit, would be Now unfit and uncounselable? The Earl said, “He knew well what the News was from *England*; and whatever he hoped, that he was not confident it was not true; however he hoped, that would not change the Prince’s purpose, but that it would more concern him to pursue the resolution he was formerly obliged to; that if any misfortune had befallen that Army, the Prince had the more reason to endeavour to repair it; which could be done no other way, than by his making all possible haste into *Scotland*; which remain’d still a Kingdom entire, wholly devoted to his Service; and that, by the benefit of his presence, might quickly draw together another Army, towards which there was a good beginning already by the preservation of that Body under *Monroe*: That if his Highness should decline this only probable way to preserve Himself, and to recover his other two Kingdoms, it would be thought he had little zeal for the Liberty of his Father, and as little for his own Interest, and for the preservation of the Crown; he therefore besought his Highness, that he would cause some of his Ships to be forthwith made ready, and would therein immediately Transport himself into *Scotland*; whereby the late wound would, in a short time, be healed; which would otherwise prove incurable.

BUT

BUT *Scotland* was so well known, and the power of *Argyle* ( which must be now greater than ever by the total defeat of the contrary Party ) that his proposition was by all dispassionate Men thought to be very extravagant, and not to be hearken'd to : and the News from *London*, that *Cromwell* was march'd into *Scotland* with his whole Army, confirm'd every honest Man in that opinion. And within few days the Earl of *Lautherdale* seem'd rather to think of going thither himself, where his own Concernments were in great danger, than of pressing the Prince to so hazardous a Voyage : and after a few Weeks more stay at the *Hague*, upon the Intelligence from his Friends in *Scotland*, how Affairs went there, he return'd thither in the same Ship that Transported him from thence, with as much Rage and Malice against the Council about the Prince, as against *Cromwell* himself.

The Earl of  
Lauther-  
dale returns  
into Scot-  
land.

THE Defeat of the *Scottish* Army at *Preston*, though it was not at first believ'd to be an entire Victory over their whole Body, there being double that number that was not there or that march'd from thence, broke or disappointed most of the designs which were on foot for raising Men, in those Northern Counties, for the King's Service, to have joyn'd and united under *Sr Marmaduke Langdale*. *Sr Thomas Tildesley*, a Gentleman of a fair Estate, who had serv'd the King from the beginning of the War with good Courage, was then with a Body of *English*, with which he had Besieged the Castle of *Lancaster*, and was upon the point of Reducing it, when the News of *Preston* arriv'd. It was then necessary to quit that design ; and hearing that Major General *Monroe*, who, shortly after the Duke march'd out of *Scotland*, follow'd him with a Recruit of above six thousand Horse and Foot, was come to the skirts of *Lancashire*, he retired thither to him, having gather'd up many of *Sr Marmaduke Langdale's* Men, who had been broken at *Preston*, and some others who had been newly Levied. *Sr Thomas Tildesley* moved *Monroe*, "That his Forces, "and some Regiments of *Scots*, who yet remain'd about *Kendal*, might joyn with the *English* under his Command, and " march together towards *Preston*, and follow *Cromwell* in the "Rear, as He pursued the *Scots*: which they might very well have done, being a Body, when in conjunction, of above eight thousand Men; which was equal in number to the Army under *Cromwell*. But the Major General would not consent to the Motion, but retired to the farther part of *Westmoreland*; and the *English* follow'd them in the Rear: presuming, that though they would not be perswaded to advance after *Cromwell*, yet that they would choose some other more convenient Post to make a stand in, if the Enemy follow'd them; and then that they would be glad to joyn with them:

Sir Tho.  
Tildesley  
retires to  
Monroe.

to which he was pressed again the next day, but continued still fast in his Sullen Resolution, without declaring what he meant to do; and retired through *Cumberland*, where he had left a sad remembrance of his having passed that way a few days before, having then raised vast sums of Money upon the poor People, and now in his retreat plunder'd almost all they had left.

THE *English* march'd into the Bishoprick of *Durham*, to joyn with such new Levies as were then raising there; and their number being encreas'd by the addition of those Troops which were under the Command of *Sr Henry Bellingham*, they met again Major General *Monroe* in *Northumberland*, and desir'd him "That they might unite together against the  
"Common Enemy, who equally desir'd the destruction of  
"them both. But he resolutely refused, and told them plainly,  
"that he would march directly into *Scotland* and expect Or-  
"ders there; which he did, with all possible Expedition.

Monroe  
having en-  
ter'd Eng-  
land upon  
Hamilton's  
Defeat re-  
treats to-  
wards Scot-  
land.

*Sr Philip Musgrave* believ'd that he and his Foot might be welcome to *Carlisle*; and went thither; and sent *Sr Henry Bellingham*, *Sr Robert Strickland*, and Colonel *Chater*, to the Earl of *Lanrick*, and offer'd that they should carry their Troops into *Scotland* to joyn with him; who he knew well would stand in need of help. But he durst not accept their Motion, saying, "If he should, *Argyle* would from thence take an ex-  
"cuse to invite *Cromwell*; who they heard was then upon his march towards *Berwick*, to bring his Army into *Scotland*: upon which *Sr Henry Bellingham* return'd with the Party he Commanded into *Cumberland*, paying for all they had through that part of *Scotland* it was necessary for them to pass through.

*Sr Philip*  
*Musgrave*  
to *Carlisle*.

*Sr Philip Musgrave* had no better success with *Sr William Levingston*, the Governour of *Carlisle*; for though he receiv'd him very civilly, and enter'd into a Treaty with him (for he knew well enough that he was not able to Victual, or Defend the place without the assistance of the *English*, and therefore desir'd the assistance of *Sr Philip* in both) yet when Articles were agreed upon, and sign'd by *Sr Philip Musgrave*, the Governour fell back, and refused to engage himself "Not to  
"deliver up the Garrison without the consent of *Sr Philip*  
"Musgrave; who was contented that none of his Men should come within the Walls, until it should be most apparent, that they could no longer keep the Field.

WITHIN a short time after, Orders was sent out of *Scot-* Berwick  
*land* for the delivery of *Berwick* and *Carlisle* to the Parliament; and *Carlisle*  
in which Orders there was not the least mention of making deliver'd to  
Conditions for the *English*. *Sr Philip Musgrave* had yet *Apleby* the Parlia-  
Castle in his own possession, having taken it after he had ment.  
deliver'd *Carlisle* to Duke *Hamilton*, and after he was march'd  
from

from thence. By this good accident, upon the delivery of it up, which could not long have made any defence, he made Conditions for himself, and one hundred and fifty Officers, many of them Gentlemen of Quality who liv'd again to venture, and some, to loose their Lives for the King: after which, he soon Transported himself into *Holland*.

CROMWELL resolv'd to lose no advantage he had got, but as soon as he had perfected his Defeat of Duke *Hamilton*, by gathering up as many Prisoners, as he could, of the dispersed Troops, he march'd directly towards *Scotland*, to pull up the Roots there, from which any farther trouble might spring hereafter; though he was very earnestly called upon from *York-shire* to reduce those at *Pontfret* Castle; which grew very troublesome to all their Neighbours; and not satisfied with drawing Contributions from all the parts adjacent, they made Excursions into places at a great distance, and took divers substantial Men Prisoners, and carried them to the Castle; where they remain'd till they redeem'd themselves by great Ransoms. However, he would not defer his Northern march; but believing, that he should be in a short time capable to take Vengeance upon those Affronts, he satisfied himself in sending Colonel *Rainsborough*, with some Troops of Horse and Foot, to restrain their adventures, and to keep them block'd up; and himself, with the rest of his Army, continued their march for *Scotland*, it being about the end of *August*, or beginning of *September*, before the Harvest of that Country was yet ripe; and so capable of being destroy'd.

Cromwell  
marches into  
Scotland.

IT was generally believ'd, that the Marquis of *Argyle* earnestly invited him to this Progress; for the Defeat of the *Scottish* Army in *England* had not yet enough made him Master of *Scotland*. There was still a Committee of Parliament sitting at *Edenborough*, in which, and in the Council, the Earl of *Lanrick* sway'd without a Rival; and the Troops which had been raised under *Monroe* for the Recruit of the Duke's Army, were still together, and at the Earl's devotion; so that the Marquis was still upon his good behaviour. If he did not invite *Cromwell*, he was very glad of his coming; and made all possible haste to bid him welcome upon his entering into the Kingdom. They made great shews of being mutually glad to see each other, being linked together by many promises, and professions, and by an entire conjunction in guilt.

THERE was no Act of Hostility committed; *Cromwell* declaring, "That he came with his Army to preserve the Godly Party, and to free the Kingdom from a force, which it was under, of Malignant Men, who had forced the Nation to break the Friendship with their Brethren of *England*, who had been so faithful to them: That it having pleased God

"to



“ to Defeat that Army under Duke *Hamilton*, who endeavour’d  
 “ to engage the two Nations in each others Blood, he was  
 “ come thither to prevent any farther mischief, and to remove  
 “ those from Authority who had us’d their Power so ill;  
 “ and that he hop’d he should, in very few days, return with  
 “ an assurance of the Brotherly Affection of that Kingdom to  
 “ the Parliament of *England*; which did not desire in any de-  
 “ gree to invade their Liberties, or infringe their Privileges.  
 He was conducted to *Edenborough* by the Marquis of *Argyle*,  
 where he was receiv’d with all solemnity, and the respect due  
 to the Deliverer of their Country, and his Army Quarter’d  
 about, and supplied with all Provisions the Country could  
 yield.

*Is receiv’d  
 at Edenbo-  
 rough.*

THE Earl of *Laurick*, and all the *Hamiltonian* Faction  
 (that is all who had a mind to continue of it) were with-  
 drawn, and out of reach; and they who remain’d at *Eden-  
 borough* were resolv’d to obey *Argyle*; who they saw could  
 protect them. There were then enough left of the Com-  
 mittee of Parliament to take care of the Safety and Good of  
 the Kingdom, without putting *Cromwell* to help them by the  
 Power of the *English*; which would have been a great discre-  
 dit to their Government. Whilst he remain’d their Guest  
 (whom they entertain’d magnificently) *Argyle* thought him-  
 self able by the Laws of *Scotland*, to reform all that was amiss,  
 and preserve the Government upon the true foundation. So  
 the Committee of Parliament sent to *Monroe* an Order and  
 Command to Disband his Troops; which when he seem’d  
 resolv’d not to do, he quickly discern’d that *Cromwell* must be  
 Arbitrator; and thereupon he observ’d the Orders of the  
 Committee very punctually: so that there was no Power in  
*Scotland* that could oppose the Command of *Argyle*; the Com-  
 mittee of Parliament, the Council, all the Magistrates of *Eden-  
 borough*, were at his devotion; and whoever were not so, were  
 either in Prison, or fled. The Pulpits were full of Invectives  
 against the Sinfulness of the late Engagement, and solemn  
 Fasts enjoy’d by the Assembly to implore God’s pardon and  
 forgiveness for that heinous Transgression; the Chancellor  
*Lowden* giving the good example, by making his Recantation  
 and humble Submission with many Tears. *Cromwell* had rea-  
 son to believe that it would henceforward prove as peaceable  
 a Kingdom as he could wish; and having thus concerted all  
 things with his bosome Friend *Argyle* (who resolv’d as soon,  
 as he was withdrawn a distance from *Edenborough*, that he and  
 his Army might not be thought to have an influence upon  
 the Councils, to call the Parliament to confirm all he should  
 think fit to do) he return’d for *England*; where he thought  
 his Presence was like to be wanted.

*The Com-  
 mittee of  
 the Scottish  
 Parliament  
 order Mon-  
 roe to Dis-  
 band.*

*Cromwell  
 returns for  
 England.*

The Scottish  
Parliament,  
being called,  
condemn  
Duke Ham-  
ilton's  
Engage-  
ment.

THE Committee of Parliament at *Edenborough* (who had Authority to Convene the Parliament when the Major part of them should please; care being taken in the nomination of them, that they were such as were thought most like to pursue the way they were enter'd into) sent out their Summons to call the Parliament. They who appear'd, were of another mind from what they had been formerly, and with the same Passion and Zeal with which they had enter'd into the Engagement, they now declared it unlawful, and ungodly; and the Assembly joyning with them, they Excommunicated all who had the most eminent Parts in the promoting it; and made them incapable of bearing any Office in the State, or of sitting in Council, or in Parliament; subjecting those who had sinned in a less degree, to such penalties as would for ever make them subject to their Government. By these judgments, amongst others, the Earl of *Laurick* was depriv'd of being Secretary of State, and that Office was conferr'd upon the Earl of *Lothian*; who, in the beginning of the Rebellion, had been employ'd by the Conspirators into *France*, and coming afterwards into *England* was Imprison'd thereupon, and being after set at liberty, continued amongst those who, upon all occasions, carried the Rebellion highest, and shewed the most implacable malice to the Person of the King. And by this time *Argyle* was become so much more Master of *Scotland* than *Cromwell* was of *England*, that he had not so much as the shadow of a Parliament to contend. or to comply with, or a necessity to exercise his known great Talent of dissimulation, all Men doing as he enjoy'd them, without asking the reason of his direction.

The Earl of  
Holland  
Rises; goes to  
Kingston.

To return to the State of the King's Affairs in *England*: when the Earl of *Norwich* and the Lord *Capel* with the *Kentish* and *Essex* Troops were inclosed in *Colchester*, their Friends could not reasonably hope that the *Scottish* Army, which had so long deferr'd their March into *England*, contrary to their promise, would, though they were now come in, march fast enough to relieve *Colchester* before they should be reduced by Famine. The Earl of *Holland* thought it necessary, since many who were in *Colchester*, had engaged themselves upon His promises and Authority, now to begin his Enterprize; to which the youth and warmth of the Duke of *Buckingham*, who was General of the Horse, the Lord *Francis Villiers* his Brother, and divers other young Noblemen, spurr'd him on. And he might have the better opinion of his Interest and Party, in that his purpose of rising, and putting himself into Arms for the relief of *Colchester*, was so far from being a secret, that it was the common discourse of the Town. There was a great appearance every Morning, at his Lodging, of those

those Officers who were known to have serv'd the King; his Commissions shew'd in many hands; no question being more commonly ~~asked~~, than "When doth my Lord *Holland* go out?" and the Answer was, "Such and such a day; and the hour he did take Horse, when he was accompanied by an hundred Horse from his House, was publickly talk'd of two or three days before.

His first Rendezvous was at *Kingston* upon *Thames*; where he stay'd two Nights, and one whole Day, expecting a great resort to him, not only of Officers, but of Common Men, who had promised, and list'd themselves under several Officers; and he imputed the security he had enjoyed so long, notwithstanding his purpose was so generally known, to the Apprehension both the Parliament and the Army had of the Affections of the City to joyn with him; and he believ'd, that he should not only remain secure at *Kingston*, as long as he should think fit to stay there, but that some entire Regiments of the City would march out with him for the Relief of *Colchester*.

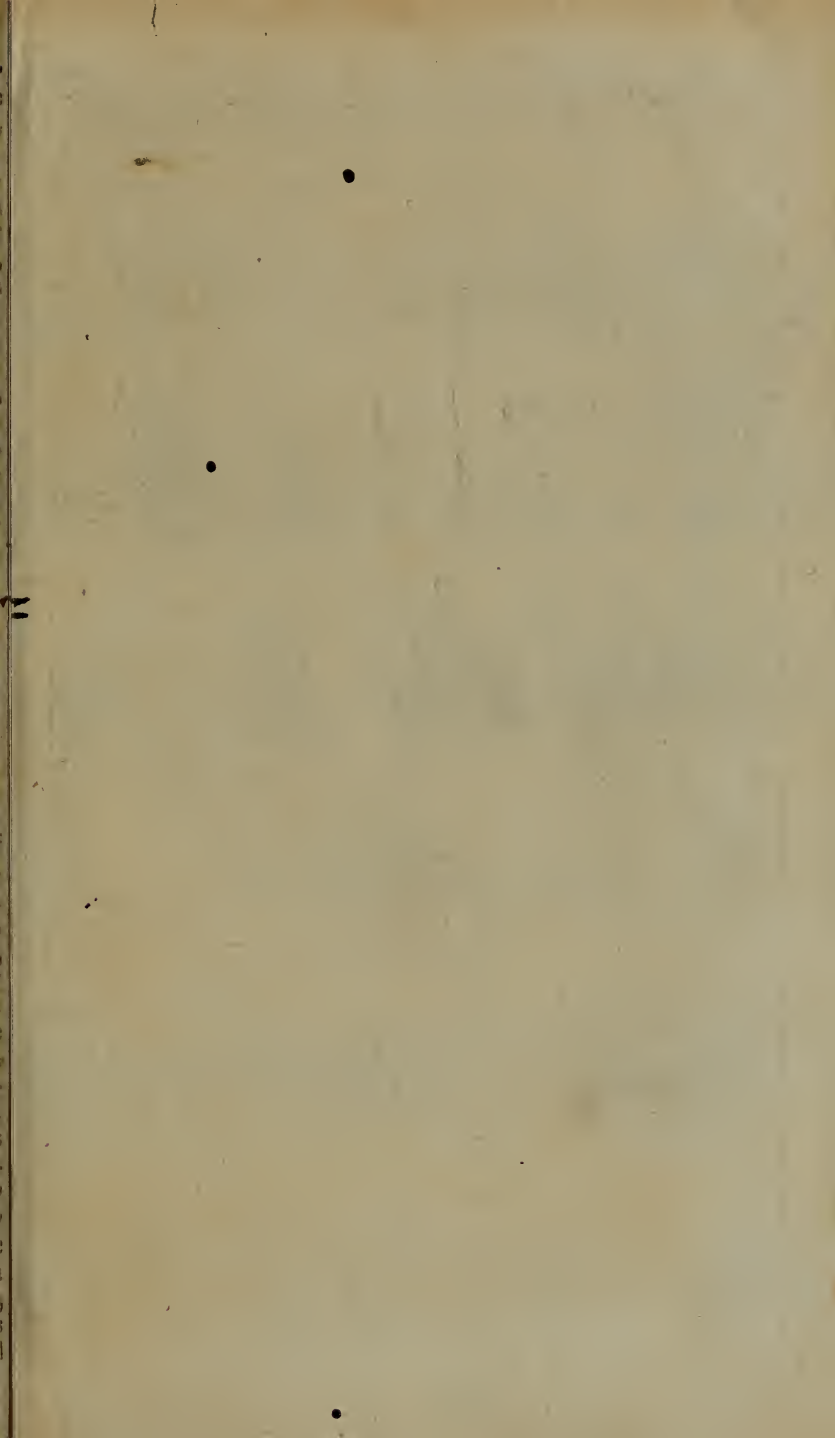
DURING the short stay he made at *Kingston*, some Officers and Soldiers, both of Horse and Foot, came thither, and many Persons of Honour and Quality, in their Coaches, came to visit him and his Company from *London*; and return'd thither again to provide what was still wanting, and resolv'd to be with him soon enough. The principal Officer the Earl relied upon (though he had better) was *Dalbeer* a Dutchman of Name and reputation, and good experience in War; who had serv'd the Parliament as Commissary General of the Horse under the Earl of *Essex*, and having been left out in the new model, was amongst those discontented Officers who looked for an opportunity to be revenged of the Army; which they despis'd for their ill breeding, and much preaching. Thus *Dalbeer* was glad to depend upon the Earl of *Holland*, who thought himself likewise happy in such an Officer. The keeping good Guards, and sending out Parties towards the *Kentish* parts, where it was known some Troops remain'd since the last Commotion there, was committed to His care. But he discharged it so ill, or his orders were so ill observ'd, that the second or third Morning after their coming to *Kingston*, some of the Parliament's Foot, with two or three Troops of Colonel *Rich's* Horse, fell upon a Party of the Earl's about *Nonsuch*; and bear, and pursued them into *Kingston*, before those within had notice to be ready to receive them; the Earl and most of the rest making too much haste out of Town, and never offering to Charge those Troops. In this confusion the Lord *Francis Villiers*, a youth of rare Beauty and comeliness of Person, endeavouring to make resistance, was unfortunately killed,

Escapes to  
St Neots,  
where he is  
taken.

kill'd, with one or two more but of little note. Most of the Foot made a shift to conceal themselves, and some Officers, until they found means to retire to their ~~close~~ Mansions in *London*. The Earl with near an hundred Horse (the rest wisely taking the way to *London*, where they were never inquired after) wander'd without purpose, or design, and was, two or three days after, beset in an Inn at *St Neots* in *Huntington-shire*, by those few Horse who pursued him, being joyn'd with some Troops of Colonel *Scroop's*; where the Earl deliver'd himself Prisoner to the Officer without resistance; yet at the same time *Dalbeer* and *Kenelm Digby*, the eldest Son of *Sr Kenelm* were killed upon the place; whether out of former grudges, or that they offer'd to defend themselves, was not known; and the Duke of *Buckingham* escaped, and happily found a way into *London*; where he lay conceal'd, till he had an opportunity to secure himself by being Transported into *Holland*; where the Prince was; who receiv'd him with great grace and kindness. The Earl of *Holland* remain'd Prisoner in the place where he was taken, till by Order from the Parliament he was sent to *Warwick* Castle, where he was kept Prisoner with great strictness.

THE totall defeat of the *Scottish* Army lately mention'd succeeded this, and when those Noble Persons within *Colchester* were advertised of both, they knew well that there was no possibility of relief, nor could they subsist longer to expect it, being press'd with want of all kind of Victual, and having eaten near all their Horses. They sent therefore to *Fairfax*, to treat about the delivery of the Town upon reasonable conditions, but he refused to treat, or give any conditions, if they would not render to mercy all the Officers, and Gentlemen; the Common Soldiers he was contented to dismiss. A day or two was spent in deliberation. They within, propos'd "To make a brisk Sally; and thereby to shift for themselves, as many as could. But they had too few Horse, and the few that were left uneaten were too weak for that Enterprize. Then, "That they should open a Port, and every Man die "with their Arms in their hands; but that way they could only be sure of being killed, without much hurting their Adversaries, who had ways enough securely to assault them. Hereupon, they were in the end obliged to deliver themselves up Prisoners at mercy; and were, all the Officers and Gentlemen, led into the publick Hall of the Town; where they were locked up, and a strong Guard set upon them. They were requir'd presently to send a list of all their Names to the General; which they did; and, within a short time after, a Guard was sent to bring *Sr Charles Lucas*, and *Sr George Lisle*; and *Sr Bernard Gascoigne* to the General, being sate with his Council

Colchester  
deliver'd.





*Sir Charles Lucas.*

*W. Dobson pinx.*

Council of War. They were carried in, and in a very short discourse told, "That after so long and so obstinate a defence "untill they found it necessary to deliver themselves up to "mercy, it was necessary, for the example of others, and that "the Peace of the Kingdom, might be no more disturbed in "that manner, that some Military justice should be executed; "and therefore, that Council had determin'd they three should "be presently shot to death; for which they were advised to prepare themselves; and without considering, or hearing what they had a mind to say for themselves, they were led into a Yard there by; where they found three Files of Musqueteers ready for their dispatch.

SIR *Bernard Gascoigne* was a Gentleman of *Florence*; and had serv'd the King in the War, and afterwards remain'd in *London* till the unhappy adventure of *Colchester*, and then accompanied his Friends thither; and had only *English* enough to make himself understood, that he desired a Pen and Ink and Paper, that he might write a Letter to his Prince the Great Duke, that his Highness might know in what manner he lost his Life, to the end his Heirs might possess his Estate. The Officer that attended the execution thought fit to acquaint the General and Council, without which he durst not allow him Pen and Ink, which he thought he might reasonably demand: When they were inform'd of it, they thought it a matter worthy some consideration; they had chosen him out of the List for his Quality, conceiving him to be an *English* Gentleman; and preferr'd him for being a Knight, that they might sacrifice three of that Rank.

THIS delay brought the News of this bloody resolution to the Prisoners in the Town; who were infinitely afflicted with it; and the Lord *Capel* prevailed with an Officer, or Soldier, of their Guard, to carry a Letter, sign'd by the chief Persons and Officers, and in the name of the rest, to the General; in which they took notice of that Judgment, and desir'd him "Either to forbear the execution of it, or that they might all, "who were equally guilty with those three, undergo the same "Sentence with Them. The Letter was deliver'd, but had no other effect than the sending to the Officer to dispatch his Order, reserving the *Italian* to the last. Sr *Charles Lucas* was their first work; who fell dead; upon which Sr *George Lisle* ran to him, embraced, and kissed him; and then stood up, and looked those who were to execute him in the face; and thinking they stood at too great a distance, spake to them to come nearer; to which one of them said, "Ple warrant you, "Sir, Wee'l hit you: he Answer'd smiling, "Friends, I have "been nearer you, when you have mis'd me. Thereupon, they all fired upon him, and did their work home, so that he

Sr Ch. Lucas and Sr George Lisle shot to death.

fell down dead of many wounds without speaking a word. *St Bernard Gascoign* had his doublet off, and expected the next turn; but the Officer told him "He had order to carry him back to his Friends; which at that time was very indifferent to him. The Council of War had consider'd, that if they should in this manner have taken the Life of a Forreigner, who seem'd to be a Person of Quality, their Friends or Children, who should visit *Italy*, might pay dear for many Generations; and therefore they commanded the Officer, "When the other two should be dead, to carry him back again to the other Prisoners.

Their Character.

THE Two who were thus murder'd, were Men of great name and esteem in the War; the one being held as good a Commander of Horse, and the other of Foot, as the Nation had; but of very different tempers and humours. *Lucas* was the younger Brother of the Lord *Lucas*, and his Heir both to the Honour and Estate, and had a present Fortune of his own. He had been bred in the Low Countries under the Prince of *Orange*, and always amongst the Horse. He had little conversation in that Court, where great civility was practiced, and learned. He was very brave in his Person, and in a day of Battle a gallant Man to look upon, and follow; but at all other times and places, of a nature scarce to be liv'd with, of no good understanding, of a rough and proud humour, and very morose conversation; yet they all desired to accompany him in his death. *Lisle* was a Gentleman who had had the same Education with the other, and at the same time an Officer of Foot; had all the Courage of the other, and led his Men to a Battle with such an Alacrity, that no Man was ever better followed, his Soldiers never forsaking him; and the Party which he commanded, never left any thing undone which he led them upon. But then, to his fierceness of Courage he had the softest and most gentle nature imaginable; was kind to all, and belov'd of all, and without a Capacity to have an Enemy.

THE manner of taking the Lives of these worthy Men was new, and without Example, and concluded by most Men to be very barbarous; and was generally imputed to *Ireton*, who swayed the General, and was upon all occasions of an unmerciful and bloody Nature. As soon as this bloody Sacrifice was ended, *Fairfax*, with the Chief Officers, went to the Town-House to visit the Prisoners; and the General (who was an ill Orator on the most plausible occasion) applied with his civility to the Earl of *Norwich*, and the Lord *Capel*; and, seeming in some degree to excuse the having done that, which he said "The Military justice required, he told them, "That all the Lives of the rest were safe; and that they should be well

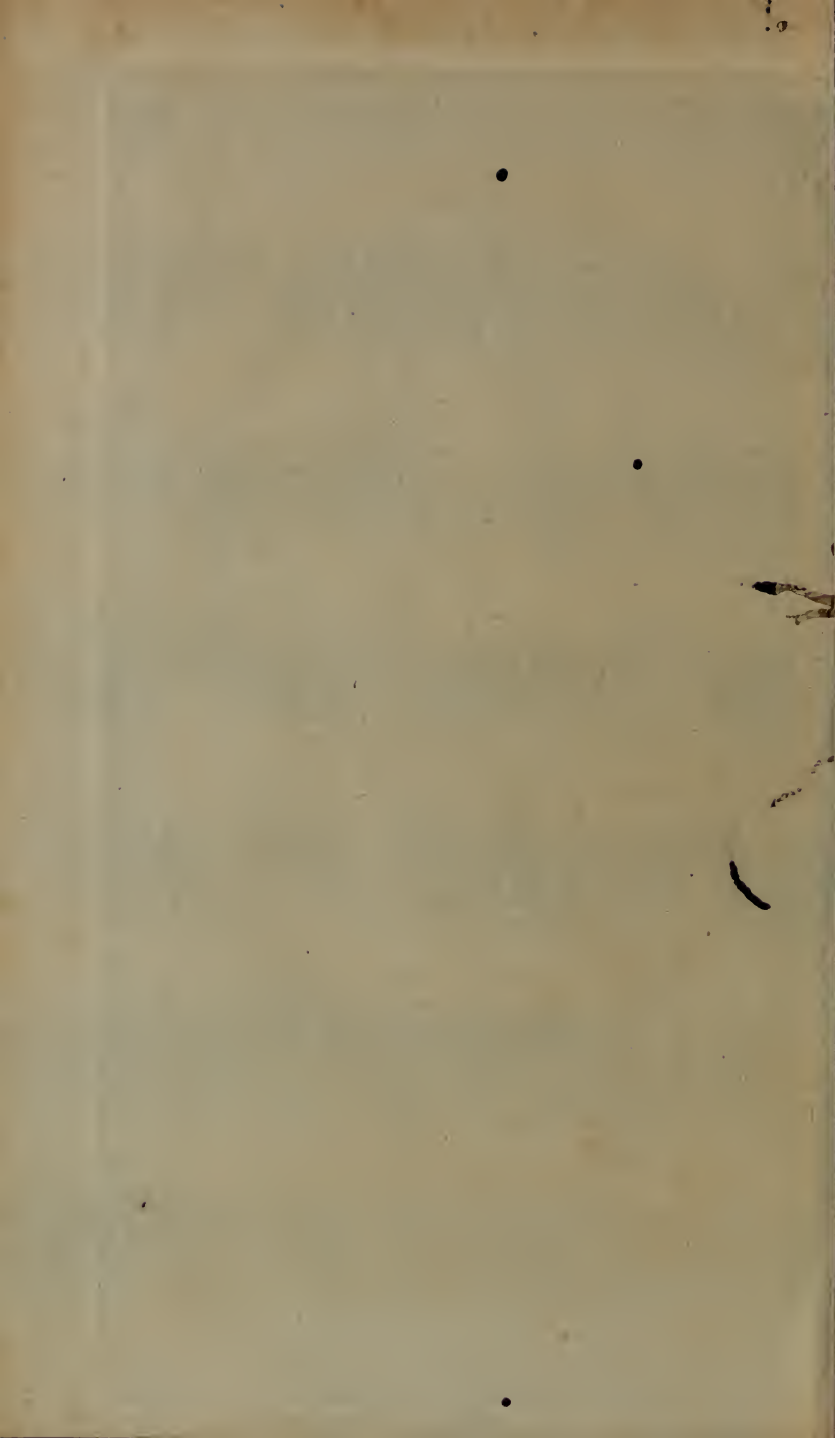
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*M. P. Gaultier fecit.*

*S<sup>r</sup> GEORGE LISLE. Kn.*



“treated, and disposed of as the Parliament should direct. The Lord *Capel* had not so soon digested this so late barbarous proceeding, as to receive the visit of those who caused it, with such a return as his condition might have prompted to him; but said, “That they should do well to finish their work, and “execute the same rigour to the rest; upon which there were two or three such sharp and bitter replies between Him and *Ireton*, that cost him his Life in few Months after. When the General had given notice to the Parliament of his proceedings, he receiv’d order to send the Earl of *Norwich* and the Lord *Capel* to *Windfor Castle*; where they had afterwards the Society of Duke *Hamilton*, to lament each others misfortunes; and after some time they two were sent to the Tower.

THOUGH the City had undergone so many severe Mortifications, that it might very well have been discouraged from entering into any more dangerous Engagements, at least all other People might have been terrified from depending again upon such engagements, yet the present fright was no sooner over than they recoverd new spirits for new undertakings; and seem’d always to have observ’d somewhat in the last mis-carriage which might be hereafter prevented, and no more obstruct their future proceedings; and many in the Parliament, as well as in the City, who were controlled and dispirited by the presence of the Army, when that was at a distance appear’d resolute, and brisk in any contradiction and opposition of their Counsels. So that *Cromwell* had no sooner begun his March towards the North, and *Fainfax* his into *Kent*, but the Common Council deliver’d a Petition to the Parliament, “That “they would entertain a Personal Treaty with the King, that “the Kingdom might be restored again to a happy Peace; “which could be hoped for no other way. This was the first presumption that had been offer’d, since their Vote of no more Addresses to be made to the King; which had been near half a year before; and this seem’d to be made with so universal a concurrence of the City, that the Parliament durst not give a positive refusal to it. And in truth the Major part thereof did really desire the same thing; which made St *Harry Vane*, and that Party in the Parliament to which the Army adher’d, or rather which adher’d to the Army, to contrive some specious way to defer and delay it, by seeming to consent to it, rather than to oppose the motion. And therefore they appointed a Committee of the House of Commons, to meet with such a Committee of the Common Council, as they should make choice of, to confer together of the ways and means to provide for the King’s safety and security during the time of the Treaty; which Committee being met together, that of the House of Commons perplex’d the other with many

*The behaviour of the City at this time.*

*They Petition for a personal Treaty.*

*A Committee of Parliament treats with them about it.*

Questions, "What they meant by those Expressions, they used "in their Petition (and had been the Common Expressions, long used both by the King and the Parliament, in all applications which had concern'd a Treaty) "That his Majesty "might treat with honour, freedom, and safety? what they "intended by those words? and whether the City would be "at the Charge in maintaining those Guards, which were to "be kept for the security of the King during such Treaty; "and if the King should in that Treaty refuse to give the Par- "liament satisfaction, how his Person should be disposed of? and many such Questions, to which they well knew that the Committee it self could make no Answer, but that there must be another Common Council called, to which they must repair for directions. And by this means, and administering new Questions at every meeting; much time was spent, and the delays they wish'd could not be avoided. So that notwithstanding all the City's earnestness that the Treaty might be presently enter'd upon, it was delayed till the Insurrection in *Kent*, and the designs of the Earl of *Holland* (to both which they had promised another kind of Assistance) were both disappointed, and expired. However, the Prince was still in the *Downs* with his Fleet, and the Gentlemen in *Colchester* defended themselves resolutely, and the *Scottish* Army was enter'd the Kingdom; all which kept up their Courage; inso-much as, after all the delays, the Parliament consented, and declar'd, "That they would enter into a Personal Treaty with "the King for the settling the Peace of the Kingdom; but "that the Treaty should be in the Isle of *Wight*, where his "Majesty should enjoy honour, freedom, and safety.

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THE City had offer'd before to the Committee upon some of the Questions which had been administer'd to them. "That "if the Treaty might be in *London*, they would be at the "Charge of maintaining those Guards which should be neces- "sary for the safety and security of the King; and therefore they were very much troubled, that the Treaty should be now in the Isle of *Wight*, upon which they could have no influence; yet they thought not fit to make any new Instances for change of the place, lest the Parliament might recede from their Vote, that there should be a Treaty enter'd upon. So they only renew'd their importunity, that all expedition might be used; and in spite of all delays, in the beginning of *August*, a Committee was sent from both Houses to the King to *Carisbrooke* Castle, where he had been close shut up about half a year, without being suffer'd to speak with any but such who were appointed by them to attend, and watch him.

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tee of both  
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THE Message the Committee deliver'd was, "That the Houses did desire a Treaty with his Majesty, in what place

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“ of the Isle of *Wight* he would appoint, upon the Proposi-  
 “ tions tender’d to him at *Hampton Court*, and such other Pro-  
 “ positions, as they should cause to be presented to him; and  
 “ that his Majesty should enjoy honour, freedom, and safety to  
 “ his Person. The Messengers, who were one of the House  
 of Peers and two Commoners, were to return within ten days,  
 no body being very strict in the limitation of time to a day,  
 because the Treaty was so much the longer kept off, which  
 they hoped still would by some accident be prevented.

THE King receiv’d them very graciously, and told them,  
 “ They could not believe that any Man could desire a Peace  
 “ more heartily than Himself, because no Man suffer’d so much  
 “ by the want of it: that, though he was without any Man  
 “ to consult with, and without a Secretary to write what he  
 “ should dictate, yet they should not be put to stay long for  
 “ an Answer; which he gave them within two or three days,  
 all written in his own hand; in which, after he had lamented  
 his present Condition, and the extreme restraint he was under,  
 he said, “ He did very chearfully embrace their motion, and  
 “ accept’d a Treaty they promised should be with Honour,  
 “ Freedom, and Safety; which he hop’d they did really in-  
 “ tend should be perform’d; for that, in the Condition he was  
 “ in, he was so totally ignorant, and uninform’d of the pre-  
 “ sent State of all his Dominions, that a blind Man was as fit  
 “ to judge of Colours, as He was to treat concerning the  
 “ Peace of the Kingdom, except they would first revoke their  
 “ Votes, and Orders, by which all Men were prohibited, and  
 “ forbid to come, write, or speak to him. For the place,  
 “ he could have wish’d, for the expedition that would have  
 “ result’d from thence, that it might have been in or near  
 “ *London*, to the end that the Parliament’s resolution and de-  
 “ termination might have been sooner known upon any emer-  
 “ gent occasion that might have grown in the Treaty, than it  
 “ could be at such a distance; however, since they had re-  
 “ solv’d that it should be in the Isle of *Wight*, he would not  
 “ except against it, but named the Town of *Newport* for the  
 “ place of the Treaty. He said, “ Though desir’d all ex-  
 “ pedition might be us’d towards the beginning and ending  
 “ the Treaty, yet he should not think himself in any freedom  
 “ to Treat, except, before the Treaty begun, all such Persons  
 “ might have liberty to repair to him, whose advice and as-  
 “ sistance he should stand in need of in the Treaty. He sent  
 a List of the Names of those his Servants which he desir’d  
 might be admitted to come to him, and attend upon him;  
 whereof the Duke of *Richmond*, the Marquis of *Hertford*, the  
 Earls of *Southampton*, and *Lindsey*, were the chief; all four  
 Gentlemen of his Bed-Chamber, and of his Privy-Council.

The King’s  
 Answer.

He named likewise all the other Servants, whose attendance he desir'd in their several Offices. He sent a list of the Names of several Bishops, and of such of his Chaplains, as he desir'd to confer with, and of many Common Lawyers, and some Civilians, whose advice he might have occasion to use; and desir'd, "That he might be in the same State of freedom, as he enjoyed whilst he had been at Hampton Court.

By the time that the Commissioners return'd from the Isle of *Wight*, and deliver'd this Answer to the Parliament, news was brought of the Defeat of the *Scottish* Army, and *Cromwell* had written to his Friends, "What a perpetual Ignominy it would be to the Parliament, that no body abroad or at home would ever give Credit to them, if they should recede from their former Vote, and Declaration of no farther Addresses to the King, and conjured them to continue firm in that Resolution. But they had gone too far now to recede, and since the first Motion and Petition from the Common Council for a Treaty, very many Members, who had oppos'd the Vote and Declaration of no more Addresses, and from the time that had pass'd, had forbore ever to be present in the Parliament, upon the first mention of a Treaty, flock'd again to the House; and advanced that Overture; so that they were much superior in Number to those who endeavour'd first to obstruct and delay, and now hop'd absolutely to frustrate all that had been propos'd towards a Treaty. And the great victory which had been obtain'd against the *Scots*, and which they concluded must speedily reduce *Cochester*, and put a quick period to all other attempts against the Parliament, made them more earnest and solicitous for a Treaty; which was all the hope left to prevent that Confusion they discern'd was the purpose of the Army to bring upon the Kingdom: And so with the more Vigour they press'd That satisfaction might be given to the King, in all that he had propos'd, in his Answer; and, notwithstanding all opposition, it was declar'd, "That the Vote, for no more Addresses should stand repeal'd: That the Treaty should be at *Newport*; and that his Majesty should be there in the same freedom in which he was at *Hampton-Court*; that the Instructions to Colonel *Hammond*, by which the King had been in that manner restrain'd, and all Persons forbid from going to him, should be recalled; that all those Persons who were named by the King, should have free liberty to repair to him, and to remain with him without being question'd, or troubled. And having proceeded thus far, they nominated five Lords, and ten Commoners to be the Commissioners who should Treat with the King, and who were enjoy'd

The Vote of no more Addresses repeal'd; and the Treaty to be at Newport.

enjoy'd to prepare all things to be in a readines for the Treaty with all possible expedition; but *S<sup>r</sup> Harry Vane*, being one of those Commissioners, used all his Arts to obstruct and delay it, in hope that *Cromwell* would dispatch his Affairs in *Scotland* time enough to return, and to use more effectual and powerful Arguments against it, than He was furnish'd withall.

ALL these occurrences were very well known to *Cromwell*, and were the motives which perswaded him to believe, that his presence at the Parliament was so necessary to suppress the Presbyterians, who ceased not to vex him at any distance; that he would not be prevailed with to stay and finish that only work of difficulty that remain'd to be done, which was the reducing *Pontfret Castle*; but left *Lambert* to make an end of it, and to revenge the death of *Rainsborough*, who had lost his Life by that Garrison, with some circumstances which deserve to be remember'd; as in truth all that Adventure in the taking, and defending that place, should be preserv'd by a very particular relation, for the honour of all the Persons who were engaged in it.

WHEN the first War had been brought to an end by the Reduction of all Places, and Persons, which had held for the King, and all Men's hopes had been render'd desperate, by the Imprisonment of his Majesty in the Isle of *Wight*, those Officers and Gentlemen who had serv'd, whilst there was any Service, betook themselves generally to the habitations they had in the several Counties; where they liv'd quietly and privately, under the Insolence of those Neighbours who had formerly, by the inferiority of their Conditions, submitted to them. When the Parliament had finish'd the War, they reduced and slighted most of the Inland Garrisons, the Maintenance whereof was very chargeable: yet by the Interest of some Person who Commanded it, or out of the consideration of the strength and importance of the place, they kept still a Garrison in *Pontfret Castle*; a Noble Royalty and Palace belonging to the Crown, and then part of the Queen's Joynture. The Situation in it self was very strong; no part whereof was commanded by any other ground: the House very large, with all Offices suitable to a Princely Seat, and though built very near the top of a Hill, so that it had the prospect of a great part of the West Riding of *York-shire*, and of *Lincoln-shire*, and *Nottingham-shire*, yet it was plentifully supplied with Water. Colonel *Cotterell*, the Governour of this Castle, exercised a very severe Jurisdiction over his Neighbours of those parts; which were inhabited by many Gentlemen, and Soldiers, who had serv'd the King throughout the War, and who were known to retain their old Affections, though they liv'd quietly under the present Government. Upon the least

*An account  
of the taking  
of Pontfret  
Castle for  
the King.*

Jealousy or Humour, these Men were frequently sent for, reproached, and sometimes Imprison'd by the Governour in this Garrison; which did not render them the more devoted to him. When there appear'd some hopes that the Scots would raise an Army for the Relief and Release of the King, Sr *Marmaduke Langdale*, in his way for *Scotland*, had visited and conferr'd with some of his old Friends and Country-men, who now liv'd quietly within some distance of *Pontfret*, who inform'd him of that Garrison, the place whereof was well known to him. And he acquainting them with the Assurance he had of the Resolution of the Principal Persons of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and that they had invited him to joyn with them, in order to which he was then going thither, they agreed, "That, when it should appear that an Army was rais'd in *Scotland* upon that account, which must draw down the Parliament's Army into the other Northern Counties, and that there should be Risings in other parts of the Kingdom (which the general indisposition and discontent, besides some particular designs, made like to fall out) "that then those Gentlemen should endeavour the surprize of that Castle, "after they had made themselves strong in it, and furnish'd "with Provisions to endure some restraint, they should draw "as good a Body to them as those Countries would yield: And having thus adjust'd that design, they settled such a way of Correspondence with Sr *Marmaduke*, that they frequently gave him an account, and receiv'd his directions for their proceeding. In this disposition they continued quiet, as they had always been, and the Governour of the Castle liv'd on-wards them with less Jealousy, and more Humanity, than he had been accusom'd to.

THERE was one Colonel *Morrice*, who being a very young Man, had, in the beginning of the War, been an Officer in some Regiments of the King's; and out of the folly and impatience of his Youth, had quitted that Service, and engaged himself in the Parliament Army with some circumstances not very commendable; and by the clearness of his Courage, and pleasantness of his Humour, made himself not only very acceptable, but was preferr'd to the Command of a Colonel, and perform'd many notable Services for them, being a stout and bold Undertaker in Attempts of the greatest Danger; wherein he had usually Success. After the new Modelling of the Army, and the introducing of a stricter discipline, his Life of great License kept not his Reputation with the new Officers; and being a free Speaker and Censurer of their affected behaviour, they left him out in their compounding their new Army, but with many professions of kindness, and respect to his eminent Courage, which they would find  
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some occasion to Employ, and Reward. He was a Gentleman of a competent Estate in those parts in *York-shire*; and as he had grown Elder, he had heartily detested himself for having quitted the King's Service, and had resolv'd to take some seasonable opportunity to wipe off that blemish by a Service that would redeem him; and so was not troubled to be set aside by the new General, but betook himself to his Estate; enjoy'd his old Humour, which was chearful and pleasant; and made himself most acceptable to those who were most trusted by the Parliament; who thought that they had dismissed one of the best Officers they had, and were sorry for it.

HE now, as a Country Gentleman, frequented the Fairs and Markets, and conversed with equal freedom with all his Neighbours, of what Party soever they had been, and renewed the Friendship he had formerly held with some of those Gentlemen who had serv'd the King. But no Friendship was so dear to him, as that of the Governour of *Pontfret Castle*, who lov'd him above all Men, and delighted so much in his Company, that he got him to be with him some times a week and more at a time in the Castle, when they always lay together in one Bed. He declar'd to one of those Gentlemen, who were united together to make that Attempt, "That he would surprize that Castle, whenever they should think the Season ripe for it; and that Gentleman, who knew him very well, believ'd him so entirely, that he told his Companions, "That they should not trouble themselves with contriving the means to surprize the place; which, by trusting too many, would be lyable to discovery; but that he would take that Charge upon himself, by a way they need not enquire into; which he assured them should not fail: And they all very willingly acquiesced in his undertaking; to which they knew well he was not inclined without good grounds.

*Morrice* was more frequently with the Governour, who never thought himself well without him; and always told him "He must have a great care of his Garrison, that he had none but faithful Men in the Castle; for that he was confident there were some Men who liv'd not far off, and who many times came to visit him, had some design upon the place; and would then in confidence name many Persons to him, some whereof were those very Men with whom he communicated, and others were Men of another Temper, and were most devoted to the Parliament, all his particular Friends and Companions; "But that he should not be troubled; for he had a false Brother amongst them, from whom he was sure to have seasonable Advertisement; and promised him, "That he would, within few hours notice, bring him at any time forty or fifty good Men into the Castle to reinforce his Gar-

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“rifon, when there should be occasion; and he would shew him the list of such Men, as would be always ready, and would sometimes bring some of those Men with him, and tell the Governour before them, “That those were in the list he “had given him of the honest fellows, who would stick to “him when there should be need; and others would accidentally tell the Governour, “That they had listed themselves “with Colonel *Morrice* to come to the Castle, whenever he “should call or send to them. And all these Men thus listed, were fellows very notorious for the bitterness and malice which they had always against the King, not one of which he ever intended to make use of.

HE made himself very familiar with all the Soldiers in the Castle, and used to play and drink with them; and when he lay there, would often rise in the Night, and visit the Guards; and by that means would sometimes make the Governour dismiss, and discharge a Soldier whom he did not like, under pretence “That he found him always asleep, or some other fault which was not to be examin’d; and then he would commend some other to him as very fit to be trusted and relied upon, and by this means he had very much power in the Garrison. The Governour receiv’d several Letters from his Friends in the Parliament, and in the Country, “That he “should take care of Colonel *Morrice*, who resolv’d to betray “him; and inform’d him, “That he had been in such and “such Company of Men, who were generally esteem’d most “Malignant, and had great Intrigues with them; all which was well known to the Governour; for the other was never in any of that Company, though with all the shew of secrecy, in the Night, or in places remote from any House but he always told the Governour of it, and of many particular passages in those Meetings; so that when these Letters came to him, he shew’d them still to the other; and then both of them laugh’d at the Intelligence; after which *Morrice* frequently called for his Horse, and went home to his House, telling his Friend “That though he had, he knew, no mistrust “of his Friendship, and knew him too well to think him capable of such baseness, yet he ought not for his own sake be “thought to slight the information; which would make his “Friends the less careful of him: that they had reason to give “him warning of those meetings, which, if he had not known “himself, had been very worthy of his suspicion; therefore “he would forbear coming to the Castle again, till his jealousy of his Friends should be over; who would know of “this, and be satisfied with it: and no power of the Governour could prevail with him, at such times, to stay; but he would be gone, and stay away till he was, after some time,

sent for again with great importunity, the Governour desiring his Counsell and Assistance as much as his Company.

It fell out, as it usually doth in Affairs of that nature, when many Men are engaged, that there is an impatience to execute what is projected before the time be thoroughly ripe. The business of the Fleet, and in *Kent*, and other places, and the daily Alarms from *Scotland*, as if that Army had been entering the Kingdom, made the Gentlemen who were engaged for this Enterprize, imagine that they defer'd it too long, and that though they had receiv'd no Orders from *Sir Marmaduke Langdale*, which they were to expect, yet they had been sent, and miscarried. Hereupon they called upon the Gentleman who had undertaken, and He upon *Morrice*, for the Execution of the design. The time agreed upon was such a Night, when the Surprisers were to be ready upon such a part of the Wall, and to have Ladders to mount in two places, where two Soldiers were to be appointed for Sentinels who were privy to the attempt. *Morrice* was in the Castle, and in Bed with the Governour, and, according to his custom, rose about the hour he thought all would be ready. They without, made the Sign agreed upon, and were Answer'd by one of the Sentinels from the Wall; upon which they run to both places where they were to mount their Ladders. By some Accident, the other Sentinel who was design'd, was not upon the other part of the Wall; but when the Ladder was mounted there, the Sentinel called out; and finding that there were Men under the Wall, run towards the Court or Guard to call for help; which gave an Alarm to the Garrison: so that, for that time, the design was disappointed. But, shortly after, *Morrice*, and some of the same Gentlemen surpris'd the Castle, under the disguise of Country-men coming in with Carts of Provision; and presently seised on and master'd the main Guard, and made way for their Friends, Horse and Foot, to enter. Then two or three of them went to the Governour's Chamber, whom they found in his Bed, and told him "The Castle was surpris'd, and himself a Prisoner. He betook himself to his Arms for his defence, but quickly found that his Friend had betray'd it, and the other Gentlemen appearing, of whom he had been before warn'd, his defence was to no purpose, yet he receiv'd some wounds. *Morrice* afterwards comforted him with assurance "Of good usage, and that he would procure his Pardon from the King "for his Rebellion.

THEY put the Garrison in good order, and so many came to them from *York-shire*, *Nottingham*, and *Lincoln*, that they could not in a short time be restrain'd, and had leisure to fetch in all sorts of Provisions for their support, and to make

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and renew such Fortifications as might be necessary for their defence. From *Nottingham* there came Sr *John Digby*, Sr *Hugh Cartwright*, and a Son and Nephew of his, who had been good Officers in the Army, with many Soldiers who had been under their Command; many other Gentlemen of the three Counties were present, and deserve to have their Names recorded, since it was an Action throughout of great Courage and Conduct.

CROMWELL'S marching towards the *Scots* with the neglect of these Men after the first appearance, and only appointing some County Troops to inclose them from increasing their strength, gave them great opportunity to grow; so that driving those Troops to a greater distance, they drew Contribution from all the parts about them, and made incursions much farther, and render'd themselves so terrible, that, as was said before, after the *Scotish* defeat, those of *York-shire* sent very earnestly to *Cromwell*, "That he would make it the business of his Army to reduce *Pontfret*. But he, resolving upon his *Scotish* Expedition, thought it enough to send *Rainsborough* to perform that Service, with a Regiment of Horse, and one or two of Foot, belonging to the Army; which, with a conjunction of the Country Forces under the same Command, he doubted not would be sufficient to perform a greater work. As soon as the Castle had been reduced, they who were possessed of it were very willing to be under the Command of *Morrice*; who declar'd he would not accept the Charge, nor be Governour of the place, knowing well what jealousies he might be liable to, at least upon any change of Fortune, but under the direction of Sr *John Digby*; who was Colonel General of those parts, and was a Man rather cordial in the Service, than equal to the Command; which made him refer all things still to the Counsel, and Conduct of those Officers who were under him; by whose activity, as much was done as could be expected from such a knot of resolute Persons.

Part of the  
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THE total defeat of the *Scotish* Army being now generally known, and that their Friends in all other places, were defeated, they in the Castle well knew what they were presently to expect, and that they should be shortly shut up from making farther excursions. They heard that *Rainsborough* was upon his march towards them, and had already sent some Troops to be Quarter'd near them, himself yet keeping his Head Quarters at *Doncaster*, ten Miles from the Castle. They resolv'd, whilst they yet enjoy'd this liberty, to make a noble attempt. They had been inform'd, that Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* (whom they still called their General) after the overthrow of the *Scotish* Army, had been taken Prisoner, and remained

mained in *Nottingham* Castle under a most strict custody, as a Man the Parliament declared, "They would make an example of their Justice. A Party of about twenty Horse, but picked and choice Men, went out of the Castle, in the beginning of the Night, with a Resolution to take *Rainsborough* Prisoner, and thereby to ransom their General. They were all good Guides, and understood the ways, private and publick, very exactly; and went so far, that about the break of day or little after, in the end of *August*, they put themselves into the Common Road that led from *York*; by which ways the Guards expected no Enemy; and so slightly asked them, "Whence they came? who negligently Answer'd; and asked again, "Where their General was? saying, "They had a Letter for him from *Cromwell*. They sent one to shew them where the General was; which they knew well enough; and that he lay at the best Inn of the Town. And when the Gate of the Inn was opened to them, three of them only enter'd into the Inn, the other rode to the other end of the Town to the Bridge, over which they were to pass towards *Pontfret*; where they expected, and did find a Guard of Horse and Foot, with whom they entertain'd themselves in discourse, saying, "That they stay'd for their Officer, who went only in to speak with the General; and called for some drink. The Guards making no question of their being Friends, sent for drink, and talked negligently with them of News; and, it being broad day, some of the Horse alighted, and the Foot went to the Court of Guard, conceiving that Morning's work to be over. They who went into the Inn, where no body was awake but the Fellow who opened the Gate, asked in which Chamber the General (for so all the Soldiers called *Rainsborough*) lay; and the Fellow shewing them from below the Chamber door, two of them went up, and the other stay'd below, and held the Horses, and talked with the Soldier who had walked with them from the Guard. The two who went up, open'd the Chamber door, found *Rainsborough* in his Bed, but awak'd with the little noise they had made. They told him in short "that he was their Prisoner, and that it was in his power to "choose whether he would be presently killed (for which work he saw they were very well prepar'd) "or quietly, without making resistance, or delay, to put on his Cloaths and "be mounted upon a Horse, that was ready below for him, "and accompany them to *Pontfret*. The present danger awaken'd him out of the amazement he was in, so that he told them he would wait upon them, and made the haste that was necessary to put on his Cloaths. One of them took his Sword, and so they led him down stairs. He that held the Horses, had sent the Soldier away to those who were gone before

before, to speak to them to get some drink, and any thing else, that could be made ready in the House, against they came. When *Rainsborough* came into the Street, which he expected to find full of Horse, and saw only one Man, who held the others Horses, and presently mounted that he might be bound behind him, he began to struggle, and to cry out. Whereupon, when they saw no hope of carrying him away, they immediately run him through with their Swords, and leaving him dead upon the ground, they got upon their Horses, and rode towards their Fellows, before any in the Inn could be ready to follow them. When those at the Bridge saw their Companions coming, which was their sign, being well prepared, and knowing what they were to do, they turn'd upon the Guard, and made them fly in distraction; so that the way was clear and free; and though they missed carrying home the prize for which they had made so lusty an adventure, they joyn'd together, and marched, with the Expedition that was necessary, a shorter way than they had come, to their Garrison; leaving the Town and Soldiers behind in such a consternation, that, not being able to receive any information from their General, whom they found dead upon the ground, without any Body in view, they thought the Devil had been there; and could not recollect themselves, which way they were to pursue an Enemy they had not seen. The Gallant Party came safe home without the least damage to Horse or Man, hoping to make some other attempt more succesfully, by which they might redeem *Sr Marmaduke Langdale*. There was not an Officer in the Army whom *Cromwell* would not, as willingly have lost as this Man; who was bold and barbarous to his wish, and fit to be entrusted in the most desperate Interest, and was the Man whom that Party always intended to commit the Maritime Affairs to, when it should be time to dismiss the Earl of *Warwick*; he having been bred in that Element, and knowing the duty of it very well, though he had that misfortune spoken of in the beginning of the Summer.

AND now to finish this business of *Pontfret* altogether, which lasted near to the end of this year, when *Lambert* came to this Charge (instructed by *Cromwell* to take full Vengeance for the loss of *Ramsborough*, to whose Ghost he design'd an ample Sacrifice) and kept what Body of Men he thought fit for that purpose, he reduced them in a short time within their own Circuit, making good Works round about the Castle, that they might at last yield to Hunger, if nothing else would reclaim them. Nor did they quietly suffer themselves to be cooped up without bold and frequent Sallies, in which many of the Besiegers, as well as the others, lost their Lives. They

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discover'd many of the Country who held correspondence with, and gave Intelligence to the Castle, whom they apprehended; whereof there were two Divines, and some Women of Note, Friends and Allies to the besieged. After frequent Mortifications of this kind, and no human hope of Relief, they were content to offer to Treat for the Delivery of the Castle, if they might have honourable Conditions; if not, they sent word "That they had Provisions yet for a good time; that they durst die, and would sell their Lives at as dear a price as they could. *Lambert* Answer'd, that he knew they were gallant Men, and that he desir'd to preserve as many of them, as was in his power to do, but he must require six of them to be given up to him, whose Lives he could not save; which he was sorry for, since they were brave men; but his hands were bound. The six excepted by him were Colonel *Morrice*, and five more whose Names he found to have been amongst those who were in the Party that had destroy'd *Rainsborough*; which was an Enterprize no brave Enemy would have revenged in that manner: nor did *Lambert* desire it, but *Cromwell* had enjoyn'd it him: all the rest he "Was content to release, that they might return to their Houses, and apply themselves to the Parliament for their Compositions, towards which he would do them all the good Offices he could. They from within acknowledg'd his Civility in that particular, and would be glad to embrace it, but they would never be guilty of so base a thing, as to deliver up any of their Companions; and therefore they desir'd "They might have six days allow'd them, that those six might do the best they could to deliver themselves; in which it should be lawful for the rest to assist them; to which *Lambert* generously consented, "So that the rest would Surrender at the end of that time; which was agreed to. Upon the first day the Garrison appear'd twice or thrice, as if they were resolv'd to make a Sally, but retired every time without Charging; but the second day they made a very strong and brisk Sally upon another place than where they had appear'd the day before, and beat the Enemy from their Post, with the loss of Men on both sides; and though the Party of the Castle was beaten back, two of the six (whereof *Morrice* was one) made their escape, the other four being forced to retire with the rest. And all was quiet for two whole days; but in the beginning of the Night of the fourth day, they made another attempt so prosperously, that two of the other four likewise escaped: and the next day they made great shews of joy, and sent *Lambert* word, "That their six Friends were gone (though there were two still remaining) and therefore they would be ready the next day to Surrender.

THE other two thought it to no purpose to make another attempt, but devised another way to secure themselves, with a less dangerous Assistance from their Friends, who had lost some of their own lives in the two former Sallies to save theirs. The buildings of the Castle were very large and spacious, and there were great store of waste Stones from some Walls, which were fallen down. They found a convenient place, which was like to be least visited, where they walled up their two Friends in such a manner that they had Air to sustain them, and Victual enough to feed them a Month, in which time they hoped they might be able to escape. And this being done, at the hour appointed they open'd their Ports, and after *Lambert* had caused a strict inquisition to be made for those six, none of which he did believe had in truth escaped, and was satisfied that none of them were among those who were come out, he receiv'd the rest very civilly, and observ'd his promise made to them very punctually, and did not seem sorry that the six Gallant Men (as he called them) were escaped.

*Pontfret deliver'd up to Lambert.*

AND now they heard, which very much reliev'd their broken Spirits, that Sr *Marmaduke Langdale* had made an escape out of the Castle of *Nottingham*; who shortly after Transported himself beyond the Seas. *Lambert* presently took care so to dismantle the Castle, that there should be no more use of it for a Garrison, leaving the vast ruins still standing: and then drew off all his Troops to new Quarters; so that, within ten days after the Surrender, the two who were left walled up, threw down their inclosure, and securely provided for themselves. Sr *John Digby* liv'd many years after the King's Return, and was often with his Majesty. Post *Morrice* was afterwards taken in *Lancashire*, and happen'd to be put to death in the same place where he had committed a fault against the King, and where he first perform'd a great Service to the Parliament.

*The Conditions of the Prince and the Duke of York at the Hague, and the factions among their Followers.*

IN this desperate Condition, that is before described, stood the King's Affairs when the Prince was at the *Hague*, his Fleet already mutinying for Pay, his own family factious and in necessity, and that of his Brother the Duke of *York* full of Intrigues, and Designs, between the restless unquiet Spirit of *Bampfild*, and the Ambitious and as unquiet Humour of Sr *John Berkley*. The Council, which was not numerous (for the Prince had not Authority to add any to those who were his Father's Councillors) wanted not Unity in it self, so much as submission and respect from others, which had been lost to those who were in the Fleet, and the prejudice to those still remain'd, and so abated much of the reverence which most Men were willing to pay to the two who came last. And the



the great animosity which Prince *Rupert* had against the Lord *Colepepper* infinitely disturbed the Counsels, and perplexed the Lord *Cottington*, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who had credit enough with the other two. But *Colepepper* had some Passions and Infirmities, which no Friends could restrain; and though Prince *Rupert* was very well inclined to the Chancellor, and would in many things be advised by him, yet his prejudice to *Colepepper* was so rooted in him, and that prejudice so industriously cultivated by *Herbert* the Attorney General, who had the absolute Ascendent over that Prince, and who did perfectly hate all the World that would not be govern'd by him, that every meeting in Council was full of bitterness and sharpness between them.

One day the Council met (as it used to do when they did not attend the Prince of *Wales* at his Lodgings) at the Lord Treasurer's Lodging (He and the Chancellor of the Exchequer being in one House) about giving direction for the sale of some Goods which had been taken at Sea, for the raising of Money toward the payment of the Fleet. In such services Merchants, and other proper Persons, were always necessary to be trusted. Prince *Rupert* propos'd "That one Sr *Robert Walsh* (a Person too well known to be trusted) "might be employ'd in that Affair: it was to sell a Ship of Sugar. No Man who was present would ever have consented that he should have been employ'd; but the Lord *Colepepper* spoke against him with some warmth, so that it might be thought to reflect a little upon Prince *Rupert*, who had propos'd him: Upon which, he asking "What exceptions there were to Sr *Robert Walsh*, why he might not be fit for it; *Colepepper* answer'd with some quickness, "That he was a known cheat; which, though notoriously true, the Prince seem'd to take very ill; and said, "He was his Friend, and a Gentleman; "and if he should come to hear of what had been said, he "knew not how the Lord *Colepepper* could avoid Fighting "with him. *Colepepper*, whose Courage no Man doubted, presently replied, "That he would not Fight with *Walsh*, but "he would Fight with his Highness; to which the Prince answer'd very quietly, "That it was well; and the Council rose in great perplexity.

PRINCE *Rupert* went out of the House, and the Chancellor led the Lord *Colepepper* into the Garden, hoping that he should so far have prevail'd with him, as to have made him sensible of the excess he had committed, and to have persuaded him presently to repair to the Prince, and to ask his Pardon, that no more notice might be taken of it. But he was yet too warm to conceive he had committed any fault, but seem'd to think only of making good what he had so imprudently

prudently said. Prince *Rupert* quickly inform'd his Confident the Attorney General of all that had pass'd; who was the unfittest Man living to be trusted with such a secret, having always about him store of Oyl to, through upon such Fire. He soon found means to make it known to the Prince, who presently sent for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to be inform'd of the whole matter; and when he understood it, was exceedingly troubled, and required him "To let *Colepepper* know, "that he ought to make a submission to Prince *Rupert*; without which worse would fall out.

HE went first to Prince *Rupert*, that he might pacify him till he could convince the other of his fault; and he so far prevail'd with his Highness, who would have been more cholerick if he had had less Right of his side, that he was willing to receive a submission; and promised "That the other should "receive no affront in the mean time. But he found more difficulty on the other side, the Lord *Colepepper*, continuing still in rage, thought the provocation was so great, that he ought to be excused for the Reply, and that the Prince ought to acknowledge the one as well as He the other. ~~But~~ some days recollection, finding no Body with whom he conversed of his mind, and understanding how much the Prince was displeas'd, and that he expected he should ask Prince *Rupert* Pardon, and withal reflecting upon the place he was in, where he could expect no security from his Quality and Function, he resolv'd to do what he ought to have done at first; and so he went with the Chancellor to Prince *Rupert's* Lodging; where he behaved himself very well; and the Prince receiv'd him with all the Grace could be expected; so that so ill a business seem'd to be as well concluded as the nature of it would admit. But the worst was to come: the Attorney General had done all he could to dissuade that Prince from accepting so small, and so private a satisfaction; but, not prevailing, he inflam'd Sr *Robert Walsh*, who had been inform'd of all that had pass'd at the Council concerning himself, to take his own revenge; in which many Men thought, that he was assur'd Prince *Rupert* would not be offended. And the next Morning after his Highness had receiv'd satisfaction, as the Lord *Colepepper* was walking to the Council without a Sword, *Walsh*, coming to him, seem'd quietly to expostulate with him, for having mention'd him so unkindly. To the which the other answer'd, "That he would give him satisfaction in any way he would require; though he ought not "to be call'd in question for any thing he had said in that "place. On a suddain, whilst they were in this calm discourse, *Walsh* struck him with all his force one blow in the Face with his Fist; and then stepped back, and drew his Sword;

Sword; but seeing the other had none, walked away; and the Lord Colepepper, with his Nose and Face all bloody, went back to his Chamber, from whence he could not go abroad in many days by the effect and disfiguring of the blow. This outrage was committed about ten of the Clock in the Morning in the sight of the Town; which troubled the Prince exceedingly; who immediately sent to the States to demand Justice; and they, according to their method and slow proceedings in matters which they do not take to heart, caused *Walsh* to be Summon'd, and after so many days, for want of Appearance, he was by the sound of a Bell publicly banished from the *Hague*; and so he made his residence in *Amsterdam*, or what other place he pleased. And this was the reparation the States gave the Prince for so Ruffianly a transgression; and both the beginning and the end of this unhappy business exposed the Prince himself, as well as his Council, to more disadvantage, and less reverence, than ought to have been paid to either.

THE improvidence that had been used in the Fleet, besides its inactivity, by the dismissing so many great Prizes, was now too apparent, when there was neither Money to pay the Sea-men, who were not modest in requiring it, nor to new Victual the Ships, which was as important; since it was easy to be foreseen, that they could not remain long in the Station where they were for the present, and the extreme license which all Men took to censure and reproach that improvidence, disturbed all Counsels, and made Conversation it self very uneasy. Nor was it possible to suppress that License; every Man believing that his particular necessities, with which all Men abounded, might easily have been reliev'd, and provided for, if it had not been for that ill husbandry; which they therefore called Treachery and Corruption. It cannot be denied but there was so great a Treasure taken, which turn'd to no account, and so much more might have been taken, if the several Ships had been applied to that end, that a full provision might have been made, both for the support of the Fleet, and supply of the Prince, and of all who depended upon him for a good time, if the same had been well managed, and could have been deposited in some secure place, till all might have been sold at good Markets. And no body was satisfied with the Reasons which were given for the discharging, and dismissing so many Ships to gratify the City of *London*, and the Presbyterian Party throughout the Kingdom. For, besides that the value of what was so given away and lost, was generally believ'd to be worth more than all they would have done, if they had been able, those Bounties were not the natural motives which were to be applied to that People;

*The ill condition of the Prince's Fleet in Holland.*

ple; whose Affections had been long dead, and could be revived by nothing but their sharp sufferings, and their insupportable losses; the obstruction and destruction of their Trade, and the seizing upon their Estates, being, at that time, thought by many the most proper Application to the City of *London*, and the best Arguments to make them in love with Peace, and to extort it from them in whose power it was to give it. And if the Fleet had applied it self to that, and visited all those Maritime Parts which were in Counties well affected, and where some places had declared for the King (as *Scarborough* in *York-shire* did) if it had not been possible to have set the King at liberty in the Isle of *Wight*, or to have reliev'd *Colchester*, (both which many Men believ'd, how unskillfully soever, to be practicable) it would have spent the time much more advantageously and honourably than it did.

BUT let the ill consequence be never so great, if it had proceeded from any corruption, it would probably have been discover'd by the examination and inquisition that was made; and therefore it may be well concluded that there was none. And the truth is, the Queen was so fully possess'd of the purpose and the power of the *Scots* to do the King's business, before the Insurrections in the several parts in *England*, and the revolt of the Fleet appear'd, that she did not enough weigh the good use that might have been made of those when they did happen, but kept her mind then so fixed upon *Scotland*, as the sole foundation of the King's hopes, that she looked upon the benefit of the Fleet's returning to their Allegiance, only as an opportunity offer'd by Providence to transport the Prince with security thither. And her Instructions to those she trusted about the Prince, were so positive, "That they should not give consent to any thing that might divert or delay that Expedition, that, if the Earl of *Lautherdale* had been arriv'd when the Prince came to the Fleet, it would have been immediately engaged to have Transported the Prince into *Scotland*, what other conveniencies soever, preferable to that, had offer'd themselves. And the very next day after that Lord's coming to the Prince in the *Downs*, his injunctions and behaviour were so imperious for the Prince's present departure, that nothing but a direct Mutiny among the Sea-men prevented it. His Highness's own Ship was under Sail for *Holland*, that he might from thence have prosecuted his other Voyage: nor would he at that time have taken *Holland*, in his way, if there had been any quantity of Provision in the Fleet for such a Peregrination. This Expedition for *Scotland* was the more grievous to all Men, because it was evident that the Prince himself was much more inclined to have pursued other occasions which were offer'd, and only resign'd himself implicitly to the pleasure of his Mother.

THE present ill condition of the Fleet, and the unsteady Humour of the Common Sea-men was the more notorious, and unseasonable, by the Earl of *Warwick's* coming with another Fleet from the Parliament upon the Coast of *Holland*, within few days after the Prince came to the *Hague*, and Anchoring within view of the King's Fleet. And it is probable he would have made some Hostile Attempt upon it, well knowing that many Officers and Sea-men were on Shore, if the State had not in the very Instant, sent some of their Ships of War to preserve the Peace in Their Port. However, according to the Insolence of his Masters, and of most of those employ'd by them, the Earl sent a Summons of a strange Nature to the King's Ships, in which he took notice, "That a Fleet of Ships, which were part of the Navy Royal of the Kingdom of *England*, was then Riding at Anchor off *Helvoet Sluce*, and bearing a Standard: That he did therefore by the Parliament's Authority, by which he was constituted Lord High Admiral of *England*, require the Admiral, or Commander in chief of that Fleet, to take down the Standard; and the Captains and Mariners belonging to the Ships, to render themselves and the Ships to him, as High Admiral of *England*, and for the use of the King and Parliament; And he did, by the like Authority, offer an indemnity to all those who should submit to him.

*The Earl of Warwick with his Fleet comes upon the Coast of Holland.*

AFTER which Summons, though receiv'd by the Lord *Willoughby*, who remain'd on Board the Fleet in the Command of Vice-Admiral, with that indignation that was due to it, and though it made no impression upon the Officers, nor visibly, at that time, upon the Common Men, yet, during the time the Earl continued in so near a Neighbourhood, he did find means by private Insinuations, and by sending many of his Sea-men on Shore at *Helvoet Sluce* (where they enter'd into Conversation with their old Companions) so to work upon and corrupt many of the Sea-men, that it afterwards appear'd many were debauch'd; some whereof went on Board his Ships, others stay'd to do more mischief. But that ill Neighbourhood continued not long; for the Season of the Year, and the Winds which usually rage on that Coast in the Month of *September*, removed him from that Station, and carried him back to the *Downs* to attend new Orders.

ALL these disturbances were attended with a worse, which fell out at the same time, and that was the sickness of the Prince; who, after some days indisposition, appear'd to have the small Pox; which almost distracted all who were about him, who knew how much depended upon his precious Life: And therefore the consternation was very universal whilst that was thought in danger. But, by the goodness and mercy

*The Prince of Wales has the small Pox.*

of God, he recover'd in few days the peril of that distemper; and, within a Month, was restored to so perfect Health, that he was able to take an account himself of his Melancholick and perplexed Affairs.

THERE were two points which were chiefly to be consider'd, and provided for by the Prince; neither of which would bear delay for the consultation, and resolution; the first, How to make provision to Pay, and Victual the Fleet, and to compose the Mutinous Spirits of the Sea-men; who paid no reverence to their Officers, insomuch as, in the short stay which the Earl of *Warwick* had made before *Helvoet Sluce*, as hath been said, many of the Sea-men had gone over to him, and the *Constant Warwick*, a Frigate of the best Account, had either voluntarily left the Prince's Fleet, or suffer'd it self willingly to be taken, and carried away with the rest into *England*. The other was, What he should do with the Fleet, when it was both Payed and Victualled.

TOWARDS the first, there were some Ships brought in with the Fleet, laden with several Merchandize of value, that, if they could be sold to the true worth, would amount to a Sum sufficient to pay the Sea-men their Wages, and to put in Provisions enough to serve four Months; and there were many Merchants from *London*, who were desirous to buy their own Goods, which had been taken from them; and others had Commissions from thence to buy the rest. But then they all knew, that they could not be carried to any other Market, but must be sold in the place where they were; and therefore they were resolv'd to have very good Penny-worths. And there were many Debts claim'd, which the Prince had promised, whilst he was in the River, should be paid out of the first Money that should be raised upon the Sale of such and such Ships: particularly, the Prince believ'd that the Countess of *Carlisle*, who had committed faults enough to the King and Queen, had pawn'd her Necklace of Pearls for fifteen hundred pounds, which she had totally disbursed in supplying Officers, and making other Provisions for the Expedition of the Earl of *Holland* (which Sum of fifteen hundred pounds the Prince had promised the Lord *Piercy* her Brother, who was a very importunate Sollicitor) should be paid upon the Sale of a Ship that was laden with Sugar, and was then conceiv'd to be worth above six or seven thousand pounds. Others had the like Engagements upon other Ships; so that when Money was to be raised upon the Sale of Merchandize, they who had such Engagements, would be themselves entrusted, or nominate those who should be, to make the bargain with Purchasers, to the end that they might be sure to received what they claim'd, out of the first Monies that should be

be raised. By this means, double the value was deliver'd, to satisfy a debt that was not above the half.

BUT that which was worse than all this, the Prince of *Orange* advertised the Prince, that some Questions had been started in the States, "What they should do, if the Parliament of *England* (which had now a very dreadful name) should send over to them to demand the restitution of those Merchants Goods, which had been unjustly taken in the *Downs*, and in the River of *Thames*, and had been brought into their Ports, and were offer'd to Sale there, against the obligation of that Amity which had been observ'd between the two Nations, during the late War? What Answer they should be able to make, or how they could refuse to permit the owners of those Goods to make their Arrests, and to sue in their Admiralty for the same? Which first Process would stop the present Sale of whatever others pretended a Title to, till the right should be determin'd. The Prince of *Orange* said, "That such Questions used not to be started there without design; and therefore advised the Prince "To lose no time in making compleat Sales of all that was to be sold; to the end that they who were engaged in the Purchase, might likewise be engaged in the Defence of it. Upon this Ground, as well as the others which have been mention'd, hasty bargains were made with all who desir'd to buy, and who would not buy except they were sure to be good Gainers by all the bargains which they made. Nor could this be prevented by the caution or wisdom of any who were upon the place, with no more Authority than they had. Mr *Long*, who was Secretary to the Prince, had been possess'd of the Office of receiving and paying all Monies, whilst the Prince was in the Fleet, and so could not well be removed from it when he came into *Holland*: though he was thought to love Money too well, yet no body who lov'd it less, would at that time have submitted to the employment, which expos'd him to the importunity and insolence of all necessitous Persons, when he could satisfy none; yet he liked it well with all its prejudice, and disadvantage.

AS SOON as the Money was raised, it was sent to the Fleet to pay the Sea-men; and the Prince made a Journey to the Fleet to see, and keep up the Spirits of the Seamen, who were very mutinous, not without the infusions of some who did not desire they should be too well pleased with their Officers. The Lord *Willoughby* stay'd on Board purely out of Duty to the King, though he liked neither the place he had, nor the People over whom he was to Command, who had yet more respect for Him than for any Body else. Sr *William Batten* likewise remain'd with them, not knowing well how

to refuse it, though he had too much reason to be weary of his Province, the Sea-men having contracted an implacable jealousy and malice against him, more than they were naturally inclined to. And the truth is, though there was not any evidence that he had any foul practices, he had an impatient desire to make his Peace, and to live in his own Country, as afterwards he did with the leave of the King; against whom he never after took employment.

THE other point to be resolv'd was yet more difficult, "what should be done with the Fleet, and who should Command it? and though the Advertisement the Prince of *Orange* had given his Royal Highness, of the Question started in the States, concern'd only the Merchants Ships, which were made Prize, yet it was very easy to discern the Logick of that Question would extend as well, and be applied to those of the Royal Navy, as to Merchants Ships. And it was evident enough, that the United Provinces would not take upon them to determine whether they were in truth the Ships of the King, or of the Parliament. And it was only the differences which were yet kept up in the Houses, which kept them from being United in that demand. So that the Prince knew that nothing was more necessary than that they should be gone out of the Ports of those Provinces, and that the States wish'd it exceedingly.

WHILST *Bamfield* was about the Person of the Duke of *York*, he had infused into him a marvellous desire to be possessed of the Government of the Fleet: but the Duke was convinced with much ado, that it was neither safe for his Highness, nor for his Father's Service, that he should be embarked in it: and *Bamfield*, by an especial Command from the King, who had discover'd more of his foul practices than could be known to the Prince, was not suffer'd to come any more near the Person of the Duke. So he return'd into *England*; where he was never called in question for stealing the Duke away. From this time the Duke, who was not yet above fifteen years of Age, was so far from desiring to be with the Fleet, that, when there was once a Proposition, upon occasion of a suddain Mutiny amongst the Sea-men, "That he should go to *Helvoet Sluce*, to appear amongst them, who professed great Duty to his Highness, he was so offended at it that he would not hear of it; and he had still some Servant about him who took pains to perswade him, "That the Council had inclined the Prince to that designation, out of ill will to his Highness, and that the Ships might deliver him up to the Parliament. So unpleasant, and uncomfortable a Province had those Persons, who, being of the King's Council, serv'd both with great Fidelity; every Body who was un-

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satisfied (and no Body was satisfied) aspersing them, or some of them (for their prejudice was not equal to them all) in such a manner as touch'd the honour of the rest, and most reflected upon the King's own Honour, and Service:

PRINCE *Rupert* had a long desire to have that Command of the Fleet put into his hands; and that desire, though carried with all secrecy, had been the cause of so many Intrigues, either to inflame the Sea-men, or to cherish their froward inclinations, and encrease the prejudice they had to *Batten*. The Attorney mention'd this to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, shortly after his coming to the *Hague*, as a thing, he thought, that Prince might be induced to accept out of his Zeal to the King's Service, if he were invited to it; and thereupon was willing to debate, to what Person the Government of the Fleet could be committed, when it should set Sail from the Port, and whither it should go. The Chancellor made no other Answer to him, than "That it was like to be a charge of much danger, and hazard; that he must not believe that any Body would propose the undertaking it to Prince *Rupert*, or that the Prince would Command him to undertake it; and that he thought it necessary, that it should be first resolv'd, what the Fleet should do, and whether it should go, before a Commander should be appointed over it.

WHEN the Marquis of *Ormond* had waited so many Months at *Paris* for the Performance of those gaudy promises which the Cardinal had made, after he saw in what manner the Prince of *Wales* himself was treated by him, and that he would not suffer the least assistance to be applied to the Affairs of *England*, in a conjuncture when very little would probably have done the work, upon the revolt of the Fleet, upon so powerful Insurrections in *England*, and possessing so many places of importance on the King's behalf, and when the whole Kingdom of *Scotland* seem'd so united for his Majesty's Service, and an Army of thirty thousand Men were said to be even ready to march; I say, after he discern'd that the Cardinal was so far from giving any countenance, or warmth to their blooming hopes, that he left nothing undone towards the destroying them, but the Imprisoning the Prince; he concluded that it was in vain for him to expect any relief for *Ireland*. And therefore he resolv'd, though he had neither Men, nor Money, nor Arms, nor Ammunition, all which had been very liberally promised to transport with him, he would yet transport his own Person, to what evident danger soever he was to expose it. Upon the full assurance the Cardinal had given him of very substantial aid, he had assured the Lord *Inchiquin*, "That he would be present with him with

*The Affairs of the Marquis of Ormond and the Lord Inchiquin in Ireland.*

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“notable supply of Money, Arms, and Ammunition, and “good Officers, and some common Men (which were all in readiness, if the Money had been paid to entertain them) and had likewise sent to many, who had formerly serv'd the King, and liv'd now quietly in the Enemies Quarters, upon the Articles which had been formerly granted the Marquis of Ormond, “That they should expect his speedy arrival.

AND though he had, from time to time, sent Advertisements of the delays and obstructions he met with in the *French Court*, so that he did almost despair of any Assistance from it, yet the Lord *Inchiquin* had advanced too far to retire; and the Lord *Lisle*, who had been sufficiently provoked, and contemned by him, was gone into *England* with full malice, and such information (which was not hard for him to be furnish'd with) as would put *Cromwell* and the Army into such fury, that his Friends in the Parliament, who had hitherto sustain'd his Credit, would be very hardly able to support him longer. So that, as he was to expect a storm from thence, so he had a very sharp War to maintain against the *Irish*, led and commanded by the Pope's Nuntio; which War had been always carried on in *Munster* with wonderful animosity, and with some circumstances of bloodiness, especially against Priests, and others of the Roman Clergy, that it was very hard to hope that those People would live well together. And indeed the *Irish* were near rooted out of the Province of *Munster*, though they were powerful enough, and strong in all the other Provinces. Hereupon the Lord *Inchiquin*, with all possible earnestness, writ to the Lord of *Ormond*, “That, “though without any other Assistance, he would transport his “own Person: by whose Countenance and Authority he presumed the *Irish* might be divided, and brought to reason; and desir'd him, “In the mean time, to send to such of the “*Irish* as had dependence upon him, and who, he knew, in “their Hearts did not wish well to the Nuntio, that they “would secretly correspond with Him, and dispose their “Friends and Dependents to concur in what might advance “the King's Service; to which they did not know that he was “inclined, but look'd upon him, as the same malicious and “irreconcilable Enemy to them, as he had always appear'd to “be to their Religion, more than to their Persons.

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FROM the time that the *Irish* enter'd into that bloody, and foolish Rebellion, they had very different Affections, Intentions and Designs, which were every day improv'd in the carrying on the War. That part of them which inhabited the *Pale*, so called from a circuit of ground contain'd in it, was originally of *English* Extraction, since the first Plantation by the *English* many Ages past. And though they were de-  
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generated into the manners and barbarous Customs of the *Irish*, and were as stupidly transported with the highest Superstition of the Romish Religion, yet they had always steadily adher'd to the Crown, and perform'd the duty of good Subjects during all those Rebellions which the whole Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* was seldom without. And of that temper most of the Province of *Lemster* was: *Munster* was the most planted with *English* of all the Provinces of *Ireland*, and though there were many Noble Men of that Province, who were of the oldest *Irish* Extractions, and of those Families which had been Kings of *Munster*, yet many of them had intermarried with the best *English* Families, and so were better bred, and more civilized than the rest of the old *Irish*, and liv'd regularly in Obedience to the Government, and by connivance enjoy'd the exercise of their Religion, in which they were very zealous, with freedom and liberty enough.

THE Seat of the old *Irish*, who retain'd the Rites, Customs, Manners, and ignorance of their Ancestors, without any kind of reformation in either, was the Province of *Ulster*; not the better cultivated by the Neighbourhood of the *Scots*, who were planted upon them in great Numbers, with circumstances of great Rigour. Here the Rebellion was first contriv'd, cherish'd, and enter'd upon with that horrid Barbarity, by the *O Neils*, the *Macguyres*, and the *Macmahoons*; and though it quickly spread it self, and was entertain'd in the other Provinces (many Persons of Honour and Quality engaging themselves by degrees in it for their own security, as they pretended, to preserve themselves from the undistinguishing severity of the Lords Justices, who denounced the War against all *Irish* equally, if not against all Roman Catholics; which kind of mixture and confusion was carefully declin'd in all the orders and directions sent to them out of *England*, but so unskilfully pursued by the Justices, and Council there, that as they found themselves without any employment or trust, to which they had cheerfully offer'd their Service, they concluded, that the *English Irish* were as much in the jealousy of the State as the other, and so resolv'd to prevent the danger by as unwarrantable Courses as the rest had done) yet, I say, they were no sooner enter'd into the War, which was so generally embraced, but there appear'd a very great difference in the temper and purposes of those who prosecuted it. They of the more moderate Party, and whose main end was to obtain liberty for the exercise of their Religion, without any thought of declining their subjection to the King, or of invading his Prerogative, put themselves under the Command of General *Preston*: the other, of the fiercer and more savage Party, and who never meant to return to  
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their Obedience of the Crown of *England*, and look'd upon all the Estates which had ever been in the possession of any of their Ancestors, though forfeited by their Treason and Rebellion, as justly due to them, and ravish'd from them by the Tyranny of the Crown, march'd under the Conduct of *Owen Roe O Neile*; both Generals of the *Irish* Nation; the one descended of *English* Extraction through many descents; the other purely *Irish*, and of the Family of *Tyrone*; both bred in the Wars of *Flanders*, and both Eminent Commanders there, and of perpetual jealousy of each other: the one of the more frank and open Nature; the other darker, less polite, and the wiser Man; but both of them then in the head of more numerous Armies apart, than all the King's power could bring into the Field against either of them.

THIS disparity in the Temper and Humour of those People, first disposed those of the most moderate to desire a Peace shortly after the Rebellion was begun, and produced the Cessation that was first enter'd into, and the Peace, which did not soon enough ensue upon it; and which, upon the matter, did provide only for the exercise of the Roman Catholick Religion; but did that in so immoderate and extravagant a manner, as made it obnoxious to all the Protestants of the King's Dominions.

OWEN *Roe O Neile* refused to submit to the Conditions and Articles of that Peace, though transacted and confirm'd by their Catholick Council at *Kilkenny*, which was the Representative the *Irish* Nation had chosen for the Conduct of all the Counsels for Peace and War, and to which they all avowed, and had hitherto paid an entire Obedience. The Pope's Nuntio, who about that time came from *Rome*, and Transported himself into that Kingdom, applied himself to *Owen O Neile*, and took that Party into his Protection; and so wrought upon their Clergy, generally, that he broke that Peace, and prosecuted those who had made it, with those circumstances which have been before remember'd, and which necessitated the Lord Lieutenant to quit the Kingdom, and to leave the City of *Dublin* in the hands of the Parliament; and Lord *Inchiquin* having likewise refused to consent, and submit to that Peace, and continued to make the War sharply, and successfully against the *Irish* in the Province of *Munster*; whereof he was President. But the Nuntio was no sooner invested in the supreme Command of that Nation both by Sea and Land, as over a People subject to the Pope, and of a Dominion belonging to Him, than, being a Man of a fantastical Humour, and of an imperious and proud Nature, he behaved himself so insolently towards all (and having brought no Assistance to them but the Pope's Bulls, endeavour'd by

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new exactions to enrich himself ) that even the Men of *Ulster* were weary of him ; and they who had been the Instruments of the former Peace, were not wanting to foment those jealousies, and discontents, which had produced that application to the Queen and Prince at *St Germain's*, and the Resolution of sending the Marquis of *Ormond* thither again, both which have been related before. And the Marquis now having given the Lord *Muskerry* ( who had Married his Sister, and was the most powerful Person, and of the greatest Interest in *Munster* of all the *Irish* ) and other of his Friends notice that the Lord *Inchiquin* would serve the King, and therefore required them to hold secret correspondence with him, and to concur with him in what he should desire for the advancement of his Service, they found means to hold such intercourse with him, that, before the Marquis of *Ormond* arriv'd there, against all the opposition the Nuntio could make, a Cessation of Arms was concluded between the Confederate Catholics and the Lord *Inchiquin* ; and the Nuntio was driven into *Waterford* ; and, upon the matter, Besieged there by the Catholic *Irish* ; and the Marquis arriving at the same time at *King'sale*, and being receiv'd by the Lord *Inchiquin* with all imaginable duty as the King's Lieutenant, the forlorne and contemned Nuntio found it necessary to Transport himself into *Italy*, leaving the Kingdom of *Ireland* under an Excommunication, and Interdict, as an Apostate Nation ; and all the Province of *Munster* ( in which there are many excellent Ports ) became immediately and entirely under the King's Obedience. All which being well known to the Prince, and the Council, it was easily concluded, " That it was the best, if not the only " place the Fleet could repair to ; though the danger in Conducting it thither was visible enough ; and therefore they were glad that Prince *Rupert* had made that advance towards the Command of it, and well satisfied with the wariness of the Answer the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave to the Attorney *Herbert*.

The Marquis of Ormond arrives at King'sale, and the Pope's Nuntio leaves Ireland.

THERE was in truth no Body in view to whom the Charge of the Fleet could be committed but Prince *Rupert* : for it was well known that the Lord *Willoughby*, besides his being without much Experience of the *Sea*, was weary of it, and would by no means continue there ; and the Seamen were too much broke loose from all kind of Order, to be reduced by a Commander of an Ordinary Rank. It was as true, that Prince *Rupert*, at that time, was generally very ungracious in *England*, having the misfortune not to be much below'd by the King's Party, and hated by the Parliament. This was an exception that was foreseen : there was no other choice of a place to which the Fleet must be carried, but *Munster* ; and the pas-  
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safe thither could not but be full of danger, in respect that the Parliament was without question Master of the Sea (although the Island of *Silly* being then under the King's Authority, and *Sr John Greenvil* being the Governour thereof, made that passage something the more secure) therefore this purpose was to be concealed as the last secret; there being great danger that the Sea-men would rather carry all the Ships back again to the Parliament, than into *Ireland*; against which People they had made a War at Sea with circumstances very barbarous; for they had seldom given any Quarter, but the *Irish*, as well Merchants and Passengers, as Mariners, which fell into their Hands, as hath been said before, were bound back to back and thrown into the Sea; so that they could have no inclination to go into a Country whose People had been handled so cruelly by them.

HERE again appear'd another objection against the Person of Prince *Rupert*, who would never endure to be subject to the Command of the Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom: and yet it seem'd most reasonable that the Ships, whilst they stay'd there, might be employ'd towards the reducing of the other parts, which were in Rebellion: Besides that there was cause to fear, that the Prince would not live with that Amity towards the Marquis of *Ormond*, as was necessary for the Publick Service. Notwithstanding all this, when the little Stratagem of having Prince *Rupert* desired to take the Command of the Fleet upon him, did not succeed, Prince *Rupert* himself made the Proposition to the Prince to take the Command of it upon him, and to carry it whither his Royal Highness would be pleas'd to direct. And then, the whole matter being debated, necessity made that to be Counsellable, against which very many reasonable objections might be made. So it was resolv'd that Prince *Rupert* should be Admiral of that Fleet, and that it should Sail for *Ireland*. And the Charge, and Expedition appear'd to be the more hopeful by the presence of good Officers, who had long Commanded in the Royal Navy: *Sr Thomas Kettleby*, whom the Prince made Captain of his own Ship the *Antelope*; *Sr John Mennes*, who had the Command of the *Swallow*, a Ship of which he had been Captain many years before; and Colonel *Richard Fielding*, who was made Captain of the *Constant Reformation*; all worthy and faithful Men to the King's Service, of long Experience in the Service at Sea, and well known and lov'd by the Sea-men. With these Officers, and some other Gentlemen, who were willing to spend their time in that Service, Prince *Rupert* went to *Helvoet Sluce*, where the Ships lay, and seem'd to be receiv'd by the Fleet with great joy. They all bestir'd themselves in their several places to get the Ships ready

Prince Rupert undertakes the Command of the Prince's Fleet.

ready for Sea, and all those Provisions which were necessary, in making whereof there had not diligence enough been used.

WHEN they took a strict Survey of the Ships, the Carpenters were all of opinion, That the *Convertine*, a Ship of the second Rank, that carried seventy Guns, was too old and decay'd to be now set out in a Winter Voyage, and in so rough Seas, and that when a great deal of Money should be laid out to mend her, she would not be serviceable or safe. And it did appear, that when the Officers of the Navy had fitted her out at the beginning of the Summer, they had declared, That, when she came in again, she would not be fit for more use, but must be lay'd upon the Stocks. Whereupon the Ship was brought into *Helvoet Sluce*, upon the next Spring Tyde, and examined by the best *Dutch* Carpenters and Surveyors; and all being of the same mind, information was sent by Prince *Rupert* to the Prince of the whole, who thereupon gave direction for the Sale of the Ordnance, and whatsoever else would yield Money: all which was applied to the Victualling, and setting out the rest, without which no means could have been found to have done it; so much ill husbandry had been used, and so much direct cheating in the managing all the Money that had been raised upon the Prizes.

PRINCE *Rupert* remain'd all the time at *Helvoet Sluce*, till all was ready to set Sail, and had, with notable Vigour and Success, suppressed two or three Mutinies, in one of which he had been compell'd to throw two or three Sea-men over-board by the strength of his own Arms. All subordinate Officers were appointed, Commissioners for the Sale of all Prize Goods, and Ships that should be taken, Treasurers and Pay-masters for issuing and paying and receiving all Monies; and an establishment for the whole too regular and strict to be observ'd: and though all Persons employ'd were well known, and approv'd by Prince *Rupert*, and most of them nominated by himself, yet he thought it fit after to change that Constitution, and by degrees brought the whole receipts, and issues under his own Management, and sole Government. When all was ready, he came to the *Hague*, to take leave of the Prince, and return'd, and about the beginning of *December* Sets Sail for Ireland in December. he set Sail for *Ireland*, met with good Prizes in the way, and arriv'd safely at *King'sale*: nor had he been long gone out of *Holland*, when the Prince had a shrewd Evidence how unsecure a long abode would have been there, by some Parliament Ships coming into that Road, and sending their Men on Shore, who at noon day burnt the *Convertine* within the very Town of *Helvoet Sluce*, nor did the States make any expostulation, or do any justice for the Affront offer'd to themselves, and their Government.

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IN this calamitous State of Affairs there seem'd to be no hope left, but that by Treaty the King might yet be restored to such a condition, that there might be those Roots left in the Crown; from whence its former Power, and Prerogative might sprout out hereafter, and flourish. The Commissioners for the Treaty arriv'd in the Isle of *Wight* upon the fifteenth day of *September*, whilst *Cromwell* yet remain'd in his Northern Progress, and his Army divided into several parts for the finishing his Conquest; which was the reason that all they who wish'd ill to the Treaty, and that it might prove ineffectual, had used and interpos'd all the delays they could, that he might return before it begun, as they who wish'd it might succeed well, were as solicitous, that it might be concluded before that time; which made them the less to insist upon many particulars both in the Propositions, and the Instructions, which they hop'd might be more capable of remedies in the Treaty than before it.

THEY stay'd three days in the Island before the Treaty begun, which was time little enough to prepare the House for the King's reception at *Newport*, and adjusting many circumstances of the Treaty. In that time they wait'd several times on the King, with great shew of outward duty and respect; and though none of them durst adventure to see the King in private, they Communicated freely with some of those Lords, and others, who, with the Parliament's leave, were come to attend the King during the time of the Treaty. And so they found means to advertise his Majesty of many particulars, which they thought necessary for him to know; which made different impressions upon him, as the information proceeded from Persons better or worse affected to him. And many of those who had liberty to attend, were competent Considerers of the truth of what they said.

THE truth is, there were amongst the Commissioners many who had been carried with the violence of the stream, and would be glad of those concessions which the King would very chearfully have granted; an Act of Indemnity and Oblivion being what they were principally concern'd in. And of all the rest, who were more passionate for the Militia, and against the Church, there was no Man, except *St Harry Vane*, who did not desire that a Peace might be established by that Treaty. For as all the other Lords desir'd, in their own Natures and Affections, no more than that their Transgressions might never more be called to remembrance; so the Lord *Say* himself (who was as proud of his Quality, and of being distinguished from other Men by his Title, as any Man alive) well foresaw what would become of his Peerage, if the Treaty proved ineffectual, and the Army should make their own  
model



model of the Government they would submit to (as undoubtedly they resolv'd shortly to do) and therefore he did all he could to work upon the King to yield to what was propos'd to him, and, afterwards, upon the Parliament, to be content with what his Majesty had yielded. But the advice they all gave, of what inclinations or affections soever they were, was the same, "That his Majesty should, forthwith, and without "delaying it to the expiration of the Term assign'd by the "Parliament for the Treaty (which was forty days) "yield "to the full demands which were made in the Propositions. Their only Argument was, "That if he did not, or not do it "quickly, the Army would proceed their own way; and had "enough declared, that they would depose the King, change "the Government, and settle a Republick by their own Rules "and Invention. And this Advertisement was as well believ'd by those of the King's own Party, as by the Commissioners themselves.

BEFORE the Treaty begun, the Commissioners made it known to the King "That they could not admit that any "Person should be present in the Room where the Treaty "should be in Debate: that they were Commissioners sent "from the Parliament to treat with his Majesty, and with Him "alone; and that they might not permit any particular and "private Persons to oppose, or confer with them upon the de- "mands of the Parliament. So that albeit the Parliament had given leave to the several Bishops, and other Divines, and to many Lawyers of eminency to wait on his Majesty, upon his desire, that they might instruct and inform him in all difficult cases which related to Religion or the Law of the Land, they were like to be of little use to him now they were come, if they might not be present at the Debate, and offer such advice to his Majesty, as upon emergent occasions he should stand in need of, or require from them. At last they were contented, and his Majesty was obliged to be contented too, that they might stand behind a Curtain, and hear all that was said, and when any such difficulty occur'd as would require consultation, his Majesty might retire to his Chamber, and call those to him, with whom he would advise, to attend him, and might then return again into the Room for the Treaty, and declare his own Resolution. This was the unequal and unreasonable Preliminary and Condition, to which the King was compelled to submit before the Treaty could begin.

THEY who had not seen the King in a Years time (for it was little less from the time that he had left *Hampton Court*) found his Countenance extremely alter'd. From the time that his own Servants had been taken from him, he would

never suffer his hair to be cut, nor cared to have any new Cloaths; so that his aspect and appearance was very different from what it had used to be: otherwise, his health was good, and he was much more chearful in his discourses towards all Men than could have been imagined, after such mortification of all kinds. He was not at all dejected in his Spirits, but carried himself with the same Majesty he had used to do. His hair was all gray, which making all others very sad, made it thought that he had sorrow in his countenance, which appear'd only by that shadow.

UPON Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, the Treaty begun, and the Commissioners presented their Commission to his Majesty, to treat with him Personally, upon the Propositions presented formerly at Hampton Court, concerning the Kingdom of England and Ireland only, and upon such Propositions as should be offer'd either by his Majesty, or the two Houses of Parliament, according to their Instructions, &c. Though the King knew very well, that Cromwell had so totally subdued Scotland, that he had not left any Man there in the least Authority or Power, who did so much as pretend to wish well to him, and that, in truth, Cromwell had as much the Command there as Argyle himself had, who was but his Creature, yet either to recover their broken Spirits, or to manifest his own Royal Compassion for them, he told the Commissioners, "That, when the Propositions had been deliver'd to him at Hampton Court, the Scottish Interest was so involved in them, that it could be hardly separable from that of England: that it concern'd him, as King of both Kingdoms, to be just and equal between both; and that though they had no Authority to treat for any thing but what related to England, yet He, who was to provide for the publick Peace which could hardly be provided for, except the Scots were comprehended in this Treaty) did desire, that they would send to the two Houses of Parliament, to give a Pass for one of his Servants to go into Scotland, to invite the Council there to send some Body authorized by that Kingdom, who might treat with the Commissioners of Parliament: and to that purpose his Majesty deliver'd them a Paper in writing to be sent by them to the Parliament, telling them at the same time, "That it was never his desire or meaning, that they should meddle in the Government of England, but only should treat concerning the Peace, to the end that that might be durable. But the Commissioners alledged, "That it was not in Their power to receive and transmit that, or any other Paper, to the Parliament, that refer'd to that Kingdom; and they besought him to give them leave, as an evidence of their Duty, to inform him what ill consequence

“ quence

“ quence the transmission of that Paper at that time might be  
 “ to the Treaty it self. Whereupon he declin’d sending it by  
 a Messenger of his own for the present ( which he intended to  
 have done ) being unwilling to give any occasion of dispute  
 or jealousy so early, and believing that after he should have  
 gotten a good understanding with the two Houses, in what  
 was of immediate concernment to *England*, he should more  
 effectually transmit that, or any other Paper, for the more  
 easy composing the affairs of *Scotland*.

THEN they presented their first proposition to his Majesty;  
 “ That he would revoke all Declarations, and Commis-  
 sions granted heretofore by him against the Parliament. Whereupon his Majesty desired,  
 “ That he might see all the Propositions, they had to make to him, together; that he  
 “ might the better consider what satisfaction he could give  
 “ them upon the whole; which they would not yield to with-  
 out much importunity, and at last deliver’d them with re-  
 luctancy, as a thing they were not sure they ought to do. And  
 though their Commission referr’d to Instructions, and his Majesty  
 desired that he might have a view of those, they peremptorily  
 refused to let him have a sight of them; and only told him,  
 “ That they were directed by their Instructions, first  
 “ to treat upon the Proposition they had already presented to  
 “ him, concerning the revocation of the Declarations &c.  
 “ and in the next place, of the Church, then of the Militia,  
 “ and fourthly of *Ireland*, and afterwards of the rest of the  
 “ Propositions in order; and they declared likewise that,  
 “ by their Instructions, they were not to enter upon any new  
 “ Propositions, before they should have receiv’d his Majesty’s  
 “ final Answer to what was first propos’d.

*The first Proposition for revoking all his Majesty's Declarations, &c.*

HEREUPON the King demanded of them, “ Whether  
 “ they had power and authority to recede from any particular  
 “ contained in their Propositions, or to consent to any altera-  
 tions, if his Majesty should give them good reason so to do?  
 To which they Answer’d very Magisterially, “ That they were  
 ready to Debate, to shew how reasonable their desires were,  
 and that there could be no reason why they should alter or  
 recede from them; but if his Majesty did satisfy them, they  
 should do therein as they were warranted by their Instruc-  
 tions. These limitations and restrictions in a matter of that im-  
 portance, which contain’d a new frame of Government, and  
 an alteration of all Civil and Ecclesiastical Constitutions, al-  
 most damped and stifled all the hope his Majesty had enter-  
 in’d of good from this Treaty. However, he resolv’d to  
 try if consenting to the substantial part of any Proposition would  
 give them satisfaction; and so, without taking notice of the  
 preamble of that Proposition, which they had deliver’d to him,

His Majesty's Answer to it.

he declared in writing, which he deliver'd to them, "That he  
 "was willing to grant the Body of their Proposition, that was  
 "to recall all Declarations, &c. But they immediately return'd  
 another Paper to him, in which they said, "His Majesty had  
 "left unanswer'd the most essential part of their Proposition,  
 "repeating the words in the Preamble, which recited, "That  
 "the two Houses of Parliament had been necessitated to enter  
 "into a War in their just and lawful defence; and that the  
 "Kingdom of *England* had enter'd into a solemn League and  
 "Covenant to prosecute the same; and so justifying all that  
 had been done, &c. To all which they very vehemently  
 pressed "His Majesty's approbation and consent, as the most  
 "necessary foundation of a lasting Peace, and the indispen-  
 "sable expectation of the two Houses and of the whole King-  
 "dom; and that the two Houses, and the Kingdom, could  
 "not decline this particular demand, without which they  
 "could not believe themselves to be in any security; since,  
 "by the Letter of the Law, they who had adhered to the Par-  
 "liament, might seem guilty of raising War against the  
 "King, and so to be guilty of High Treason by the Statute  
 "of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of King *Edward* the third: whereas by the  
 "Construction and Equity thereof they were justified; and  
 "therefore that the consenting to this Preamble was so essen-  
 "tial, that without it the Parliament would be thought guil-  
 "ty; which they hoped his Majesty did not desire it should.  
 And that this might make the deeper impression upon him,  
 the Lord *Say*, in the Debate of it, twice repeated with more  
 passion than was natural to his Constitution, "That he did  
 "tremble to think how sad the consequence would be, if what  
 "they now pressed should be denied. And others said, "That  
 "it was no more than his Majesty had heretofore granted in  
 "the Act of Indemnity that he had passed in *Scotland*; and if  
 "he should now refuse to do it in *England*, there would be  
 "speedy end put to the Treaty, without entering upon any  
 "of the other Propositions. The King was so much per-  
 plexed, and offended with this haughty way of reasoning, that  
 he told those with whom he consulted, and writ the same to  
 the Prince his Son, "That the long restraint he had endured  
 "in the Castle of *Carisbrooke*, was not a greater evidence of  
 "the Captivity of his Person, nor was he more sensible of it  
 "than this was of the Captivity of his Mind, by his being  
 "forced to decline those Answers and Arguments which  
 "were proper to the support of his Cause, and which must  
 "have brought blushes over the Faces of the Commissioners  
 "and to frame others more seasonable and fit to be offer'd to  
 "Men in that condition from him who was to receive, and  
 "not give conditions.

HOWEVER

HOWEVER, this Proposition was of so horrid and monstrous a Nature, so contrary to the known truth, and so destructive to Justice and Government, that it seem'd to naturalize Rebellion, and to make it current in the Kingdom to all Posterity, that his Majesty could not forbear to tell them, "That no Act of Parliament could make that to be true which was notoriously known to be false; that this Treaty must be the foundation of the future Peace and Security, and what was herein provided for both could never be called in question; that he was most willing, that it should be made very penal to every Man to reproach another for any thing he had done during the late Troubles, upon what Provocation soever. He put them in mind, "That it was well known to some of them, that the Act of Indemnity in *Scotland* was passed when his Majesty was not there, nor any Commissioner appointed by him; that it was prepared, and drawn by his Attorney General of that Kingdom, who was then of the Party that was against his Majesty; and therefore it was no wonder that he call'd those of his own side, Loyal Subjects, and good Christians, in the Preamble of that Act; which was never seen by his Majesty, though it was confirm'd indeed, with the other Acts which had pass'd in that disorderly time, by his Majesty upon the conclusion of the Peace, and their return to their Obedience; and that, when that should be the case here, he would give them all the appellations they should desire, and as unquestionable security as they could wish. To all which they made no other reply, and that unanimously, "But that they could not believe themselves secure, if that Preamble was not entirely consented to.

THIS refractory obstinate adherence of the Commissioners to their own Will, without any shadow of reason, prevailed nothing upon the King; insomuch as he was inclined to run the hazard of the present dissolution of the Treaty, and to undergo all the inconveniencies and mischiefs which probably might attend it, rather than to sacrifice his Honour, and the Justice of his Cause, to their insolent demand, until he had enter'd into a serious deliberation with those Persons who were about him, of whose affections to him he had all assurance, and of the great abilities, and understanding of most of them he had a very just esteem. They all represented to him, from the Conference they had with such of the Commissioners, who, they were confident, spoke to them as they thought and believ'd, "That if there were no expedient found out to give more satisfaction upon this first Proposition, than his Majesty had yet offer'd, as soon as the Commissioners should give account of it to the two Houses, they

“ would be presently recall’d; and the Treaty be at an end :  
 “ And then it would be universally declar’d and believ’d, how  
 “ untrue soever the assertion was, that the King refused to se-  
 “ cure the Parliament, and all who had adher’d to them, from  
 “ a Prosecution by Law; upon which they thought it to no  
 “ purpose to proceed farther in the Treaty: whereas if his  
 “ Majesty had condescended to them in that particular, which  
 “ concern’d the Lives and Fortunes of their whole Party in  
 “ the Kingdom, they would have given him such satisfaction  
 “ in all other particulars, as a full and happy Peace must have  
 “ ensued.

THEN the Lawyers inform’d him, “ That his giving way  
 “ to a recital in a new Law, which was not a Declaratory  
 “ Law of what the Law was formerly in being, concerning  
 “ the business in question, and only in a Preamble to a Law  
 “ for recalling Declarations, &c. did not make their Actions  
 “ lawful, if they were not so before; nor did it take away  
 “ from those who had adher’d to him, any defence or benefit  
 “ the former Laws had given to them; nor would his Party  
 “ be in a worse condition than they had always been: for his  
 “ Majesty had always offer’d in all his Declarations, that they  
 “ who follow’d him, and who were by them called Delin-  
 “ quents, should, at all times, submit to a Trial by the Laws  
 “ of the Land, and if they should be found guilty of any  
 “ Crime, they should not be protected by him. And it was  
 “ evident, by their not prosecuting any one, since they were  
 “ fallen into their hands, in any legal way, that they do not  
 “ think their Transgressions can be punish’d by Law.

UPON these reasons, and the joyn’t advice and importu-  
 nity of all about him, as well the Divines as the Lawyers,  
 the King first deliver’d a Paper in writing to the Commis-  
 sioners, in which he declar’d, “ That nothing that should be put  
 “ in writing concerning any Proposition, or part of any Pro-  
 “ position should be binding, prejudicial, or made use of, if  
 “ the Treaty should break off without effect: and the Com-  
 missioners presented another Paper in writing, in which they  
 fully consented to that Declaration in the very terms of the  
 said Declaration. Thereupon the King consented to pass the  
 first Proposition, with the Preamble to it, albeit, he said,  
 “ That he well foresaw the aspersions it would expose him to;  
 “ yet he hoped his good Subjects would confess that it was  
 “ but a part of the price he had paid for their benefit, and the  
 “ Peace of his Dominions.

*The King  
 consents  
 to it.*

*The second  
 Proposition  
 concerning  
 Religion and  
 the Church.*

THE first Proposition being thus consented to as they could  
 wish, they deliver’d their second concerning Religion and  
 the Church; which comprehended, “ The utter abolishing  
 “ Episcopacy, and all jurisdiction exercised by Arch-Bishops,  
 Bishops,

“Bishops, Deans and Chapters, and alienating their Lands,  
 “which should be sold to the use and benefit of the Common-  
 “wealth; the Covenant; which was presented to his Ma-  
 “jesty to take himself, and to impose upon all others: The  
 “Common-Prayer, and Publick Liturgy of the Church to be  
 “abolish’d, and taken away; and that the Reformation of  
 “Religion, according to the Covenant, in such manner as  
 “both Houses had, or should agree, after consultation with  
 “Divines, should be settled by Act of Parliament: which, the  
 King told them, “Exceeded the Implicit Faith of the Church  
 “of Rome; which rather obliges her Profelytes to what she  
 “Does hold, than to what she Shall. It required “The  
 “establishing the Presbyterian Government, the Directory,  
 “the Articles of Christian Religion (a Body whereof they  
 presented) “the suppressing Innovations in Churches; for the  
 “better advancement of Preaching, the observation of the  
 “Lord’s day, a Bill against Pluralities and Non-residence;  
 “several Acts against Papists; and the taking and imposing  
 “the Covenant.

THIS pregnant Proposition, containing so many monstrous  
 particulars, sufficiently warn’d his Majesty, how impossible  
 it would be to give them satisfaction in all; and therefore hav-  
 ing, by consenting to the entire first Proposition, put it out  
 of their power to break off the Treaty, and to tell the People,  
 “That the King, at the entrance into it, had denied to give  
 “them any security for their Lives and Fortunes, he thought  
 it now fit to offer to the Commissioners a Proposition of his  
 own, that both the Parliament, and the People, might clearly  
 discern how much of his own Right and Dignity he would  
 Sacrifice for their Peace; and which, he thought, might pre-  
 vent the designs of those who might endeavour, upon one  
 single Proposition, or part of a Proposition, to break the  
 Treaty.

*The King offers a Pro-  
 position of  
 his own; which the  
 Commission-  
 ers refuse to  
 send to the  
 Houses.*

HIS own Propositions contained, in very few words, but  
 three particulars: I. “That he might enjoy his Liberty:  
 “II. That his Revenue might be restored to him: III. That  
 “an Act of Oblivion might pass: Which, he very well knew,  
 would be most grateful to those who seem’d to value it least,  
 as it would exempt his own Friends from any illegal, and  
 unjust vexations.

THE Commissioners absolutely refused to send it to the  
 Houses, though they had no Authority to Answer it them-  
 selves. They said, “It rather contain’d an Answer to all their  
 “Propositions, than was a single Proposition of his own; and  
 “that the sole end of making it, was to cajole the People;  
 which, the King told them, “Better became Him to do than  
 “any Body else. But when they peremptorily refused to trans-

The King  
sends it by  
Messengers  
of his own;  
but it is  
Voted unsat-  
isfactory.

mit it to the Houses, the King sent an Express of his own to deliver it; which being done, after some days deliberation, the Houses return no other Answer to the King, "Than that his Proposition was not satisfactory. In the mean time the Commissioners press'd for his Answer to the first part of their Proposition, for the abolishing of Bishops. It would be very tedious and unnecessary to set down at large the Dispute, and Arguments which were used on both sides upon this Subject. The Commissioners, who would not suffer any of the King's Servants to be so much as present when any thing of the Treaty was agitated, thought fit now to let loose their own Clergy upon the King; who was much better versed in the Argument than they were.

Their Mini-  
sters dispute  
with the  
King about  
the Bishops.

THAT which they urged most, was the common Allegations "That Bishop and Presbyter in the Scripture Language "signified one and the same thing: That, if the Apostles ex- "ercised a larger Jurisdiction, it had been granted to them as "Apostles, and concern'd not their Successors, to whom no "such Authority had been granted, nor any Superiority over "other Presbyters, who were of the same Function with them. Then they inveigh'd vehemently against "Lords Bishops; "their Pride, and Lustre; and they all behaved themselves with that rudeness, as if they meant to be no longer subject to a King, no more than to a Bishop. And two of them very plainly and fiercely told the King, "That if he did not consent "to the utter abolishing of Episcopacy, he would be damn'd; with which his Majesty was not mov'd. The Men, *Jenkins*, and *Spurston*, liv'd after the return of King *Charles* the Second, and, according to the modesty of that race of People, came to kiss his Majesty's hand, and continued the same Zeal in all Seditious Attempts.

THE King press'd them with those Texts of Scripture which have been constantly urged by those who maintain the *Jus Divinum* of Bishops, the Authority of the Fathers, and the Government of all Christian Churches for fifteen hundred years, and particularly of the Church of *England*, before and since the Reformation, by constant and uniform practice and usage; which could not but be by themselves acknowledged to have been by Bishops. The Commissioners reliev'd their ill manner'd Clergy, and urged, "That whatsoever was not of "Divine Institution might very lawfully be alter'd; for if it "had its Original from Men, it might by Men be changed, or "revers'd: That Episcopacy as it was establish'd in the Church "by the Laws of *England*, was not that Episcopacy that was "mention'd or prescribed in Scripture; and therefore the "Laws, which supported it, might be justly taken away; "which, they said, was the reason that had induced many

"Men



“Men who were not Enemies to Episcopacy, to take the Covenant; which obliged them to take the present Hierarchy away.

IN a word they urged, “The practice of other Reform’d Churches, and that his Majesty insisting upon the preservation of Episcopacy, as essentially necessary, was to reproach and condemn Them. To which he Answer’d, “That both *Calvin* and *Beza*, and most Learned Men of the Reform’d Churches, had approv’d, and commended the Episcopal Government in *England*; and many of them had bewailed themselves, that they were not permitted to retain that Government.

BESIDES all their Arguments in publick, which his Majesty with wonderful aptness fully Answer’d, and deliver’d his Answers in writing to them (which none of them ever after undertook to reply unto) they found means in private to advertise the King, that is, such of them who were known to wish well to him, “That they were of his Majesty’s judgment with reference to the Government, which they hoped might yet be preserv’d, but not by the method his Majesty pursued: that all the reasonable hope of preserving the Crown, was in dividing the Parliament from the Army; which could be only done by his giving satisfaction in what was demanded with reference to the Church; which would unite the Parliament in it self, some few Persons excepted, and the City to the Parliament; where the Presbyterians were most powerful; and this being done, the Parliament would immediately have power to reform their Army; and to disband those who would not be reform’d: That then the King would be remov’d to *London*, to perfect that by his own presence in Parliament, which should be prepared by this Treaty; and then the wording those Bills, and the formality of passing them, would give opportunity for many alterations; which being now attempted, would destroy all, and reconcile the Parliament to the Army; which would destroy the King: But then, what the King urged as matter of Conscience in himself would find respect, reverence, and concurrence. No doubt they who did make these Insinuations, did in truth believe themselves; and did think, as well as wish, that the sequel would be such as they foretold. But that which had more Authority with the King, and which no body about him could put him in mind of, because none of them had been privy to it, was the remembrance of what he had promised concerning the Church to the *Scots*, in the Engagement at the *Isle of Wight*; which he could not but conclude was well known to many of the Presbyterians in *England*: and he thought that whatever he had promised

promised to do then, upon the bare hope and probability of raising an Army, he might reasonably now offer when that Army was destroy'd, and no hope left of raising another. And thereupon he did, with much reluctancy, offer the same he had then promised to do; which was, "To suspend Episcopacy for three years, and then upon consultation with Divines, amongst which he would nominate twenty to be presented, and to consult with them, such a Government of the Church as should be agreed upon might be establish'd: That he would not force any Man to take the Covenant, and would have the Privilege of his own Chappel to use the Common-Prayer, and observe the same Worship he had used to do; and that all Persons, who desired it, might have liberty to take the Covenant, and to use the Directory; in fine, he consented to all that he had offer'd in that Engagement with reference to the Government of the Church; and likewise, "That Money should be raised upon the sale of the Church Lands, and only the old Rent should be reserv'd to the just owners and their Successors. These, with some other concessions of less importance, which related to other Branches of the same Proposition, *magna inter suspiria*, he deliver'd to the Commissioners as his final Answer; which the Major part of them, did then believe would have preserv'd his Majesty from farther importunity and vexation in that particular.

The King's  
Concessions  
on this point.

The third  
Proposition  
concerning  
the Militia.

THE next Proposition was concerning the Militia; which was their Darling; and distinguish'd the Scots from the English Presbyterians; the former never desiring to invade that unquestionable Prerogative of the Crown; the latter being in truth as fond of it (and as refractory without it) as of Presbytery it self; and in that particular concurr'd even with Cromwell, and made little doubt of subduing him by it in a short time. In this demand they exercised their usual modesty, and to abridge the substance of it in few words, they requir'd "a power to keep up the present Army, and to raise what other Armies they pleased for the future; which gave them "Authority over the Persons of all Subjects, of what degree or quality soever. Secondly, a power to raise Money for "the use and maintenance of those Forces, in such a manner, "and by such ways and means, as they should think fit. And hereby they had had the disposal of the Estates and Fortunes of all Men without restraint, or limitation. Thirdly, "All "Forces by Land and Sea to be managed, and disposed as "They should think fit, and not otherwise. All this modest Power and Authority "Must be granted to the Lords and "Commons for twenty years. And, as if this had not been enough, they required farther, "That in all Cases, when the  
" Lords

“Lords and Commons shall declare the Safety of the King-  
 “dom to be concern’d, unless the King give his Royal Assent  
 “to such a Bill as shall be tender’d to him for raising Money,  
 “the Bill shall have the force of an Act of Parliament, as if he  
 “had given his Royal Assent.

THERE were other particulars included, of power to the  
 City of *London* over the Militia, and for the Tower of *Lon-*  
*don*, of no importance to the King, if he once disposed, and  
 granted the other as was required, nor need he take care to  
 whom the rest belonged. Here the King was to consider  
 whether he would wholly grant it, or wholly deny it, or  
 whether he might reasonably hope so to limit it, that They  
 might have Authority enough to please them, and He reserve  
 some to himself for his own security. The King had thought  
 with himself, upon revolving all Expedients, which he had too  
 long warning to ruminare upon, to propose “That the Inha-  
 “bitants of every County should be the standing Militia of  
 “the Kingdom to be drawn out of the Counties upon any  
 “occasions which should occur; which would prevent all ex-  
 cessive Taxes and Impositions, when they were to be paid by  
 themselves. But he quickly discern’d that such a Proposition  
 would be presently called a Conspiracy against the Army, and  
 so put an end to all other Expedients. Then he thought of  
 limiting the extravagant Power in such a manner, that it might  
 not appear so monstrous to all intents and purposes whatso-  
 ever; and therefore proposed, “That none should be com-  
 “pell’d to serve in the War against their Wills, but in case of  
 “an Invasion by Forreign Enemies: That the Power concern-  
 “ing the Land Forces should be exercised to no other pur-  
 “poses, than for the suppressing of Forces which might at any  
 “time be raised without the Authority and Consent of the  
 “Lords and Commons, and for the keeping up, and main-  
 “taining the Forts and Garrisons, and the present Army, so  
 “long as it should be thought fit by both Houses of Parlia-  
 “ment: That what Monies should at any time be thought  
 “necessary to be raised, should be raised by general and equal  
 “Taxes, and Impositions; and lastly, that all Patents and  
 “Commissions to the purposes aforesaid might be made in the  
 “King’s Name, by Warrant signified by the Lords and Com-  
 “mons, or such other signification as they should direct, and  
 “authorise.

*The King’s  
 Answer.*

THESE Limitations were sent to the Parliament, who, ac-  
 cording to the method they had assumed, soon Voted “That  
 “the Message was unsatisfactory. Hereupon, that he might  
 at least leave some Monument and Record of his care and  
 tenderness of his People (for after his extorted Concessions to  
 the so great Prejudice of the Church, he never consider’d what  
 might

*This Voted by  
 the Parlia-  
 ment unsa-  
 tisfactory.*

*The King  
consents to  
it with a  
Preamble.*

might be dangerous to his own Person) he deliver'd his consent to the Proposition it self to the Commissioners, with a Preamble to this purpose; "That whereas their Proposition concerning the Militia, requir'd a far larger power over the Persons and Estates of his Subject, than had been ever hitherto warranted by the Laws and Statutes of the Kingdom, yet in regard the present distraction might require more, and trusting in his two Houses of Parliament, that they would make no farther use of the power therein mention'd, after the present distempers should be settled, than should be agreeable to the legal Exercise thereof in times past, and for the purposes particularly mention'd in their Proposition, and to give satisfaction to his two Houses of Parliament that he intends a full security to them, and expresses his real desires to settle the Peace of the Kingdom, his Majesty doth consent to the Proposition concerning the Militia as it was desired. This the Commissioners did by no means like, nor would acquiesce in, and alledged, "That as the Concession must be the Subject of an Act of Parliament, so this Preamble must be a part of it, and would administer occasion of difference and dispute upon the interpretation of it; which being so clearly foreseen, ought not to be admitted in any Act of Parliament, much less in such a one as is to be the principal Foundation of a lasting Peace of the Kingdom. After much vexation of this kind, and importunity of Friends, as well as of Enemies, and being almost as weary of denying as of granting, he suffer'd the Preamble to be left out, and his consent to be deliver'd without it.

*At last consents to it  
without the  
Preamble.*

It may be well wonder'd at, that, after having so far complied with these three Propositions, there should be any pause or hesitation in the debate of the rest. For in that concerning the Church, and the other concerning the Militia, both the Church and the Militia of *Ireland* follow'd the Fate of *England*, and were in effect comprehended in the same Propositions: so that there remain'd nothing more with reference to that Kingdom, "But declaring the Peace that was made there with the *Irish*, to be void; which they pressed with the same passion, as if they had obtain'd nothing; although his Majesty refer'd the carrying on the War to them, and told them, "That he knew nothing of the Peace, which had been made during his Imprisonment, when he could receive no Advertisement of what was doing, or done; and therefore he was content that it should be broken, and the War be carried on in such a manner as should please Them; which was all one to their ends and purposes, as what they desired. But this did by no means please them. If the Peace were not declared to be actually void, they could not so easily

*The fourth  
Proposition  
concerning  
Ireland.*

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take that vengeance of the Marquis of *Ormond* as they resolv'd to do. Yet after all these general concessions, which so much concern'd Himself, and the Publick, and when the necessity that had oblig'd him to that unwilling compliance, might well have excus'd him for satisfying them in all the rest of their demands, when they press'd his consent to what only concern'd private and particular Persons, as the revoking all Honours and Grants of Offices which he had conferr'd upon those who had serv'd him faithfully, and to except many of them from Pardon, and leave them to the unmerciful censure of the two Houses, both for their Lives and Fortunes; to submit others to pay, for their Delinquency in obeying and serving him, a full moiety of all they were worth; to deprive others of their practice in their several Professions, and Functions (which expos'd all the Lawyers and Divines, who had been faithful to him, to utter ruin) it cannot be express'd with what grief, and trouble of mind he receiv'd those importunities; and without doubt, he would at that time with much more willingness have died, than submitted to it; but the Argument "That he had done so much, was now press'd upon him (by his Friends, and those who were to receive as much prejudice as any by his doing it) "That he should do more; "and since he had condescended to many things which gave "himself no satisfaction, he would give so full satisfaction to "the Parliament, that He might receive that benefit, and the "Kingdom that Peace and Security he desired.

*Some other particulars the King at first sticks at.*

MANY Advertisements came from his Friends in *London*, and from other places, "That it was high time that the Treaty "were at an end, and that the Parliament had all his Majesty's "Answers before them, to determine what they would do "upon them, before the Army drew nearer *London*, which, "infallibly, it would shortly do, as soon as those in the North "had finish'd their work. It was now near the end of *October*, and the appointed time for the conclusion of the Treaty was the fourth of *November*; and so after all importunities, as well of those who were to suffer, as those who were to triumph in their sufferings, his Majesty's consent was procur'd to most that was demanded in the rest of the Propositions; the King, and all Men, conceiving the Treaty to be at an end.

*But consents at last.*

THE King had, about the middle of *October*, again deliver'd his own Proposition for his Liberty, his Revenue, and an Act of Oblivion, to the Commissioners; which they receiv'd. And though, at the beginning of the Treaty, they had refus'd to transmit it the Houses, yet now, after so many concessions, they thought fit to send it; and did so as soon as they receiv'd it. But no answer was return'd. Hereupon, when the Treaty was within two days of expiring, his

*The Commissioners now send the King's own Proposition to the Parliament.*

Majesty

Majesty demanded of them, "Whether they had receiv'd any Instructions to treat upon, or to give an Answer to his own Proposition, which he had deliver'd to them so long since? or whether they had receiv'd any Order to prolong the Treaty? To which they Answer'd, "They had not as to either. And when he asked them the same Question, the very last hour of the limited time, they made the same Answer. So that the whole forty days assign'd for the Treaty were expired, before they vouchsafed to return any Answer to the single Proposition the King had made to them. However they told him, "They had receiv'd new Command to make fresh instance to his Majesty, that he would forthwith publish a Declaration against the Marquis of *Ormond*; who had very lately declared, that he had Authority to make a Peace with the *Irish* Rebels; and was then treating with them to that purpose. To which his Majesty Answer'd, that it was not reasonable to press him to publish any Declaration against the Marquis; since that if the Treaty should end happily, the desires of the two Houses were satisfied by the Concessions he had already made; and so adhered to his first Answer. And conceiving the Treaty to be closed, he desired the Commissioners, "That since He had departed from so much of his own Right to give his two Houses satisfaction, They would be a means that he might be pressed no farther; since the few things he had not satisfied them in, had so near relation to his Conscience, that, with the Peace of that, he could not yield farther; and desir'd them to use the same eloquence, and abilities, by which they had prevail'd with Him, in representing to the two Houses the sad condition of the Kingdom, if it were not preserv'd by this Treaty. And so concluded with many gracious expressions for their Personal civilities, and other kind expressions; which made impression upon all of them who had any Bowels.

ALL this being past, and the King believing and expecting that the Commissioners would take their leave of him the next Morning, they came the same Night to inform him, "That they had then receiv'd new Orders and Instructions for the continuing and enlarging the Treaty for fourteen days longer; for which his Majesty was nothing glad; nor did they in the Houses who wished well to him, desire that Prolongation. For it was easily discern'd, that it was moved and prosecuted only by them who did not intend that the Treaty itself should have any good effect; which they were not yet ready and prepared enough to prevent, the Army not having yet finished what they were to do in all places; and was consented to unskilfully, by those who thought the continuance

*They require a Declaration of the King against the Marquis of Ormond. His Majesty's Answer.*

*The Parliament enlarges the Treaty 14 days longer.*

tinuance of the Treaty was the best sign that both sides desired Peace: and it quickly appear'd, by the new instances they made, that delay was their only business. The Commissioners, with new importunity, and bitterness, begun upon their new instructions "That the King would immediately publish the Declaration against the Marquis of Ormond, without any other reasons than those which he had Answer'd before. His Majesty Answer'd "There was no other difference between them but in point of time, whether presently, or at the conclusion of the Peace: upon the Peace, they had the substance of their desire already granted; and if there were no Peace, they had reason to believe that no Declaration he should make would be believed or obeyed; and so adhered to what he had answer'd formerly.

*The Commissioners renew their demand about Ormond. His Majesty's Answer.*

THEN they demand, "That the Parliament was not satisfied with his Concessions with reference to the Church; that the Presbyterian Government could be exercised with little profit, or comfort, if it should appear to be so short-liv'd as to continue but for three years; and that they must therefore press the utter extirpating the Function of Bishops. Then, the perfect and entire alienation of their Lands was insisted on; whereas by the King's Concessions, the old Rent was still reserv'd to them. They said, "The Parliament did not intend to force, but only to rectify his Conscience; and to that end, they added more reasons to convince him in the several points. They repeated their old distinction between the Scripture-Bishop, and the Bishop by Law. For the absolute alienation of their Lands, they urged many Precedents of what had been done in former times upon convenience, or necessity, not so visible and manifest as appear'd at present; and concluded with their usual threat, "That the consequence of his denial would be the continuance of the publick disturbances.

*They urge farther about the Church.*

To all which his Majesty answer'd, "That, for the Presbyterian Government, they might remember that their own first order for the settling it, was only for three years; which they then thought a competent time for a Probationary Law, that contain'd such an alteration in the State; and therefore they ought to think the same now: and that it might be longer lived than three years, if it would in that time bear the test, and examination of it; and that nothing could be a greater honour to that discipline, than its being able to bear that test and examination. He said, "He was well pleased with their Expression, that they did not intend to force his Conscience; yet the manner of pressing him looked very like it, after he had so solemnly declared that it was against his Conscience; that he did concur with them

*The King's Answer.*

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“in their distinction of Bishops, and if they would preserve  
 “the Scripture-Bishop, he would take away the Bishop by  
 “Law. He confessed, “That Necessity might justify, or ex-  
 “cuse many things, but it could never warrant him to deprive  
 “the Church of God of an Order instituted for continual use,  
 “and for establishing a Succession of Lawful Ministers in the  
 “Church. For the point of Sacrilege, he said, “The concur-  
 “rent opinion of all Divines was a much better information  
 “to his Conscience, what is Sacrilege, than any Precedents  
 “or Law of the Land could be. Upon the whole matter, he  
 “adhered to his former Answer in all the particulars, and con-  
 “cluded, “That he could with more comfort cast himself upon  
 “God’s goodness to support him in, and defend him from all  
 “Afflictions, how great soever, that might befall him, than  
 “deprive himself of the inward tranquillity of his mind, for  
 “any Politick consideration that might seem to be a means to  
 “restore him.

*The Parlia-  
 ment’s Votes  
 upon the  
 King’s former  
 Proposition.*

IT must not be forgotten, that the last day, when the Treaty was to end, they deliver’d to the King the Votes which the two Houses had pass’d concerning and upon his own Message (which had lain so long in their hands unanswer’d) which were in effect, I. “That from and after such time as the Agreements upon this Treaty should be ratified by Acts of Parliament, all his Houses, Mannors, and Lands, with the growing Rents and Profits thereof, and all other Legal Revenue of the Crown should be restored to him, liable to the maintenance of those Ancient Forts, and Castles, and such other Legal Charges as they were formerly charged withal, or liable to. II. That he should be then likewise resettled in a condition of Honour, Freedom, and Safety, agreeable to the Laws of the Land. III. That an Act of Indemnity should be then pass’d with such exceptions and limitations as should be agreed upon, with this addition, that it should be declared by Act of Parliament, that nothing contain’d in his Majesty’s Propositions should be understood or made use of to abrogate, weaken, or in any degree to impair any Agreement in this Treaty, or any Law, Grant, or Commission agreed upon by his Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament, in pursuance thereof; in all which his Majesty acquiesced.

*Another  
 Prolonga-  
 tion of the  
 Treaty till  
 Nov. 25.*

THE time limited for the Prolongation of the Treaty was to end upon the one and twentieth of *November*, and the Commissioners believ’d it so absolutely concluded, that they took their leave of the King, and early the next Morning went to *Cowes* Harbour to Embark themselves. But the Tyde not serving to Transport them out of the Island, that Night a Messenger arriv’d with Directions to them to continue the Treaty



Treaty till the five and twentieth; which was four days more. So, the three and twentieth, they return'd and acquainted his Majesty with it.

AT the same time, the thundring Declaration of the Army The Declaration of the Army. was published; which declar'd the full resolution "To change the whole frame of the Government, and that they would be contented with no less an alteration; which, as it was an Argument to the King to endeavour all he could to unite the two Houses, that they might be able to bear that shock, so it was expected that it would have been no less an Argument to have prevailed with them to adhere to the King, since their Interest was no less threaten'd than His.

THE fresh instances the Commissioners made, were upon The Commissioners new Propositions against Delinquents since Jan. 1647. and others, especially the Marquis of Ormond. several Votes which had passed the two Houses against Delinquents; and a new Proposition concerning those who had engaged themselves against the Parliament since the last *January*, and particularly against the Marquis of Ormond. They propos'd, "That there should be seven Persons, the *Lord New-Castle*, and six others (who were named) "Who should be excepted from pardon, and their Estates forfeited: that the Delinquents, in the several Classes mention'd in their Proposition, should pay for their Composition, some a Moiety, others a third part of their Estates, and other Rates, as they were set down; and that all who had been engaged in the Land or Sea-Service since *January 1647*, should pay a full years value of their whole Estates more than the other Delinquents; and that none who had been against the Parliament should presume to come within either of the Courts belonging to the King, Queen, or Prince, or be capable of any Office or Preferment, or of serving in Parliament, for the space of three years; and that all Clergy Men who had been against the Parliament, should be deprived of all their Preferments, Places, and Promotions; which should be all void as if they were naturally dead. To these the King Answer'd, that, "To the excepting the seven Persons named from Pardon, and the forfeiture of their Estates, his Answer was, that, if they were proceeded against according to the ancient established Laws, and could not justify and defend themselves, he would not interpose on their behalf; but he could not, in justice or honour, joyn himself in any Act for taking away the Life or Estate of any that had adhered to him. For the Rates which were to be paid for Composition, he refer'd it to the two Houses of Parliament, and to the Persons themselves, who would be contented to pay it; and he did hope and desire, that they might be moderately dealt with. And for the Clergy Men, whose Preferments he well knew were already disposed of;

and in the hands of another kind of Clergy, who had deserv'd so well of the Parliament, that it would not be in his power to dispossess them, his Majesty desired, "That they might be allowed a third part of what was taken from them, till such time that they, or the present Incumbents, should be better provided for. As to the Marquis of Ormond, against whom they pressed what they had before done with extraordinary Animosity, the King answer'd, "That since what he had said before (and which would bring all to pass that they desired) "Did not give them satisfaction, he had written a Letter (which he deliver'd to them, to be sent, and read to them) "In which he directed him to desist; and said, if he refused to submit to his Command, he would then publish such a Declaration against his power and his proceedings, as they desired.

Another Prolongation of the Treaty for a day, wherein they presented two Propositions more.

AND now the second limitation of time for the Treaty was at an end. But that Night came another Vote; which continued it for a day longer, with a Command to the Commissioners to return on *Thursday* Morning; which was the eight and twentieth of *November*: and thereupon they presented two Propositions to his Majesty, which were to be dispatched that day.

One concerning Scotland.

THE Two Propositions they sent for one days work, were, the first, concerning *Scotland*; the other, concerning the Church; which they did not think they had yet destroyed enough. For *Scotland*, they demanded "The King's consent, "to confirm by Act of Parliament such Agreements as should be made by both Houses with that Kingdom, in the security of such thereof who had assisted or adhered to those of the Parliament of *England*, and for the settling and preserving a happy and durable Peace between the two Nations, and for

To that the King's Answer.

the mutual defence of each other. The King put them in mind, "That at the beginning of the Treaty they had inform'd him, that their Commission was only to treat concerning *England*, and *Ireland*; and that they had no Authority to meddle in any thing that related to *Scotland*; and that they had thereupon refused to receive a Paper from him, which was to preserve the Interest of that Kingdom; and demanded of them, whether their Commission was enlarged? which they confess'd "Was not; and that they had presented that Paper only in obedience to the Order they had receiv'd. So that the King easily understood that the end was only that they might have occasion to publish, "That the King had rejected whatsoever was tender'd to him on the behalf of the Kingdom of *Scotland*. To prevent which, he Answer'd, "that as he would joyn in any Agreement, to be confirm'd "by Act of Parliament, for the settling and preserving a happy

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“and durable Peace between the two Nations, and for their  
 “mutual defence of each other under him as King of both;  
 “so he would secure all who had been formerly engaged with  
 “them; but for any new Engagement, or confederacy, which  
 “they would make hereafter, he would first know what it was,  
 “and be advised with in the making it, before he would pro-  
 “mise to confirm it. The other business with reference to  
 “the Church gave him much more trouble. The Commis-  
 “sioners pressed him “To consider the Exigence of time, and that  
 “there was not a whole day left to determine the Fate of the  
 “Kingdom; and that nothing could unite the Counsels of  
 “those who wished and desired Peace, and to live happily un-  
 “der his Subjection and Obedience, against the bold attempts  
 “of the Army, which had enough declared and manifested  
 “what their intention was, but satisfying the Houses fully in  
 “what they demanded in that particular. His own Council,  
 “and the Divines, besought him “To consider the safety of his  
 “own Person, even for the Church’s and his People’s sakes,  
 “who had some hope still left whilst he should be preserv’d,  
 “which could not but be attended with many Blessings:  
 “whereas, if He were destroyed, there was scarce a possibility  
 “to preserve them: that the moral and unavoidable necessity  
 “that lay upon him, obliged him to do any thing that was  
 “not Sin; and that, upon the most prudential thoughts which  
 “occur’d to them, the Order which He, with so much Piety  
 “and Zeal, endeavour’d to preserve, was much more like to  
 “be destroy’d by his not complying, than by his suspending  
 “it till his Majesty and his two Houses should agree upon a  
 “future Government; which, they said, much differ’d from  
 “an abolition of it.

*The other  
 touching the  
 Church.*

HEREUPON he gave them his final Answer, “That after  
 “such condescensions, and weigh’d resolutions in the business  
 “of the Church, he had expected not to be farther press’d  
 “therein; it being his judgment, and his conscience. He said,  
 “he could not, as he was then inform’d, abolish Episcopacy  
 “out of the Church; yet because he apprehended how fatal  
 “new distractions might be to the Kingdom, and that he be-  
 “liev’d his two Houses would yield to truth, if it were made  
 “manifest to them, as he had always declared that he would  
 “comply with their Demands, if he were convinced in his  
 “Conscience, he did therefore again desire a Consultation  
 “with Divines, in the manner he had before propos’d, and  
 “would in the mean time suspend the Episcopal power, as  
 “well in point of Ordination of Ministers, as of Jurisdiction,  
 “till He and the two Houses should agree what Government  
 “should be establish’d for the future. For Bilhop’s Lands, he  
 “could not consent to the absolute alienation of them from the

*The King’s  
 final An-  
 swer.*

“Church, but would consent that Leases for Lives, or Years, not exceeding ninety nine, should be made for the satisfaction of Purchasers or Contractors; little differing from the Answer he had formerly given to this last particular: and in all the rest he adhered to his former Answers. And the Commissioners, having receiv'd this his final Answer, took their leaves, and the next Morning begun their Journey towards *London*.

*The Sum of  
the King's  
Letter to his  
Son concern-  
ing the  
whole Trea-  
ty.*

THE King had begun a Letter to the Prince his Son before the first forty days were expired, and continued it, as the Treaty was lengthen'd, even to the hour it was concluded, and finished it the nine and twentieth of *November* after the Commissioners were departed, and with it sent a very exact Copy of all the Papers which had pass'd in the Treaty, in the order in which they were pass'd, fairly engross'd by one of the Clerks who attended. But the Letter it self was all in his own hand, and contain'd above six Sheets of Paper; in which he made a very particular relation of all the motives and reasons which had prevail'd with him, or over him, to make those Concessions; out of which most of this relation is extracted. And it is almost evident, that the Major part of both Houses of Parliament was, at that time, so far from desiring the execution of all those concessions, that, if they had been able to have resisted the wild fury of the Army, they would have been themselves Suitors to have declined the greatest part of them. That which seem'd to afflict him most, next what refer'd to the Church and Religion, and which, he said, “Had a large share in his conscientious considerations: was the hard measure his Friends were subjected to; for whose Interest he did verily believe he should better provide in the execution of the Treaty, than he had been able to do in the Preliminaries. For, he said, “He could not but think, “that all who were willing that he should continue their King, and to live under his Government, would be far from desiring in the conclusion to leave so foul a Brand upon his Party, of which they would all desire to be accounted for the time to come. However, he hoped that all his Friends would consider, not what he had submitted to, but how much he had endeavour'd to relieve them from; and conjured the Prince his Son, “That the less he had been able himself to do for them, the more, if God blessed him, He should acknowledge and supply. He said, “He would willingly forget in how high degree some Subjects had been disloyal, but never had Prince a Testimony in others of more Loyalty than He had had; and however that God, for their, and his punishment, had not blessed some of their Endeavours, yet, he said, more misguided Persons were at

“last

“ last reduced to their Loyalty, than could in any story be  
 “ exempl’d; and that, by that, Subjects might learn how  
 “ dangerous the neglect of seasonable duty is; and that Men  
 “ cannot easily fix when they please what they have unneces-  
 “ sarily shaken. The conclusion of the Letter, as it was dated,  
 the five and twentieth of *November* (what was added to it  
 after, till the nine and twentieth was but the additional pas-  
 sages upon the enlargement of time) deserves to be preserv’d  
 in Letters of Gold, and gives the best Character of that ex-  
 cellent Prince; and was in these words,

“ By what hath been said, you see how long We have la-  
 “ bour’d in the search of Peace: do not You be dishearten’d  
 “ to tread in the same steps. Use all worthy ways to restore  
 “ your self to your Right, but prefer the way of Peace: shew  
 “ the greatness of your mind, if God bless you (and let Us  
 “ comfort you with that which is our own Comfort, that  
 “ though Affliction may make us pass under the censures of  
 “ Men, yet we look upon it so, as if it procure not, by  
 “ God’s Mercy, to Us a Deliverance, it will to You a blessing)  
 “ rather to conquer your Enemies by pardoning, than punish-  
 “ ing. If You saw how unmanly and unchristian the im-  
 “ placable disposition is in our ill-Willers, you would avoid  
 “ that Spirit. Censure Us not for having parted with so much  
 “ of our own Right; the price was great, but the commodity  
 “ was security to Us, Peace to our People: and we were con-  
 “ fident, another Parliament would remember how useful a  
 “ King’s power is to a People’s liberty; of how much thereof  
 “ We devested Our self, that We and They might meet once  
 “ again in a due Parliamentary way, to agree the bounds of  
 “ Prince and People. And in this give belief to our Expe-  
 “ rience, never to affect more Greatness or Prerogative, than  
 “ that which is really and intrinsically for the Good of Sub-  
 “ jects, not the satisfaction of Favourites. If you thus use it,  
 “ you will never want means to be a Father to all, and a boun-  
 “ tiful Prince to any you would be extraordinary gracious to.  
 “ You may perceive all Men entrust their Treasure where it re-  
 “ turns them Interest; and if Princes, like the Sea, receive, and  
 “ repay all the fresh streams the River entrusts with them, they  
 “ will not grudge, but pride themselves to make them up an  
 “ Ocean. These considerations may make You as great a Prince,  
 “ as your Father is now a low one; and Your State may be so  
 “ much the more establish’d, as Mine hath been shaken. For  
 “ our Subjects have learn’d (we dare say) that Victories over  
 “ their Princes are but Triumphs over themselves; and so will  
 “ be more unwilling to hearken to changes hereafter. The *Eng-  
 “ lish* Nation are a sober People, however at present infatuated.

*The Conclu-  
 sion of that  
 Letter in the  
 King’s own  
 words.*

“WE know not but this may be the last time We may  
 “speak to you, or the World, publickly: We are sensible  
 “into what hands We are fallen; and yet, We bless God,  
 “We have those inward refreshments the Malice of our En-  
 “emies cannot perturb. We have learn’d to busy Our self by  
 “retiring into Our self; and therefore can the better digest  
 “what befalls Us; not doubting but God’s Providence will  
 “restrain Our Enemies power, and turn their Fierceness to  
 “his Praise.

“To conclude, If God gives you Success, use it humbly  
 “and far from Revenge. If He restore you to your Right  
 “upon hard Conditions, whatever you promise, keep. These  
 “Men, who have forced Laws, which they were bound to  
 “preserve, will find their Triumphs full of Troubles. Do not  
 “think any thing in this World worth the obtaining by foul  
 “and unjust means.

“You are the Son of our Love, and as We direct you to  
 “weigh what We here recommend to you, so We assure  
 “you, We do not more affectionately pray for you (to whom  
 “We are a natural Parent) than We do, that the ancient  
 “Glory and Renown of this Nation be not buried in Irreli-  
 “gion and Phanatick Humour; and that all our Subjects (to  
 “whom We are a Politick Parent) may have such sober  
 “thoughts, as to seek their Peace in the Orthodox profession  
 “of the Christian Religion, as was establish’d since the Re-  
 “formation in this Kingdom, and not in new Revelations;  
 “and that the ancient Laws, with the interpretation according  
 “to the known practice, may once again be a hedge about  
 “Them: that You may in due time govern, and They be  
 “govern’d, as in the fear of God; which is the prayer of

“Your very loving Father C. R.

Newport 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1648.

WHILST the Treaty lasted, it was believ’d that his Ma-  
 jesty might have made his escape; which most Men who  
 with’d him well, thought in all respects ought to have been  
 attempted; and before the Treaty, he himself was inclined to  
 it, thinking any Liberty preferable to the restraint he had en-  
 dured. But he did receive some discouragement from pursu-  
 ing that purpose, which both diverted him from it, and gave  
 him great trouble of mind. It cannot be imagin’d how won-  
 derfully fearful some Persons in *France* were that he should  
 have made his Escape, and the dread they had of his coming  
 thither; which, without doubt, was not from want of tender-  
 ness of his safety, but from the apprehension they had, that  
 the little respect they would have shew’d him there, would  
 have been a greater mortification to him than all that he  
 could suffer

suffer by the closest imprisonment. And sure there was, at that time, no Court in *Christendom* so honourably, or generously constituted, that it would have been glad to have seen him; and it might be some reason that they who wish'd him very well, did not wish his Escape, because they believ'd Imprisonment was the worst his worst Enemies intended towards him; since they might that way more reasonably found, and settle their Republican Government; which Men could not so prudently propose to bring to pass by a Murder; which, in the instant, gave the just Title to another who was at liberty to claim his Right, and to dispute it: I say, before the Treaty, and after the Vote and Declarations of no more Addresses, when his Treatment was so barbarous, his Majesty had propos'd to himself to make an Escape, and was very near the perfecting it. He had none about him but such Persons who were plac'd by those who wish'd worst to his Safety; and therefore chose such Instruments as they thought to be of their own Principles. Amongst those there was a young Man, one *Osborne*, by extraction a Gentleman; who was recommended by the Lord *Wharton* (one who deserv'd not to be suspected by *Cromwell* himself) to Colonel *Hammond*, to be plac'd in some near attendance about the King; and he, from the recommendation, never doubting the fitness of the Man, immediately appointed him to wait as Gentleman Usher; which gave him opportunity to be almost always in the presence of the King. This young Man, after some Months attendance, was wrought upon by the dignity of the King's Carriage, and the great Affability he us'd towards those who were always about him, to have a tenderness and loyal Sense of his Sufferings; and did really desire to do him any Service that might be acceptable. By his Office of Gentleman Usher he usually held the King's Gloves when he was at Meat, and first took that opportunity to put a little Billet, in which he express'd his Devotion, into one of the fingers of his Glove. The King was not forward to be credulous of the Professions of a Person he knew so little, and who, he knew, would not be suffer'd to be about him, if he were thought to have those Inclinations. However, after longer observation, and sometimes speaking to him whilst he was walking amongst others in the Garden allow'd for that purpose, his Majesty begun to believe that there was sincerity in him; and so frequently put some Memorial into fingers of his Glove, and by the same expedient receiv'd advertisement from him.

THERE was in the Garrison one *Rolph*, a Captain of a Foot Company, whom *Cromwell* plac'd there as a prime Confident, a Fellow of a low Extraction, and very ordinary parts;

who, from a Common Soldier, had been trusted in all the intrigues of the Army, and was one of the Agitators inspired by *Cromwell* to put any thing into the Soldiers minds, upon whom he had a wonderful Influence, and could not contain himself from speaking maliciously and wickedly against the King, when dissimulation was at the highest amongst the great Officers. This Man grew into great familiarity with *Osborne*, and knowing from what Person he came recommended to that Trust, could not doubt but that he was well inclined to any thing that might advance him; and so, according to his custom of reviling the King, he wish'd "He were out of the World; for they should never make any Settlement whilst he was alive. He said, he was sure the Army wish'd him dead, and that *Hammond* had receiv'd many Letters from the Army to take him away by Poyson, or any other way; but he saw it would never be done in that Place; and therefore, if he would joyn with him, they would get Him from thence; and then the work would easily be done. *Osborne* ask'd him, "How it could be possible to remove Him from thence, without *Hammond's*, or the King's own consent? *Rolph* Answer'd, "That the King might be decoy'd from thence, as he was from *Hampton Court*, by some Letters from his Friends, of some danger that threaten'd him, upon which he would be willing to make an Escape; and then he might easily be dispatched. *Osborne* shortly found an opportunity to inform the King of all this.

An Attempt for the King's Escape.

THE King bid him "Continue his familiarity with *Rolph*, and to promise to joyn with him in contriving how his Majesty should make an Escape; and he hoped thereby to make *Rolph's* Villany the means of getting away. He recommended one of the Common Soldiers to *Osborne*, "Who, he said, he thought, might be trusted; and wish'd him "To trust one *Doucet*; whom the King had known before, and who was then placed to wait upon him at his back stairs, and was indeed an honest Man; for it was impossible for him to make an Escape, without the privity of such Persons, who might provide for him, when he was got out of the Castle, as well as help him from thence. *Osborne* told *Rolph*, "He was confident he should in the end perswade the King to attempt an Escape, though he yet seem'd jealous and apprehensive of being discover'd, and taken again. *Doucet* concurr'd very willingly in it, and the Soldier who was chosen by the King, prov'd likewise very honest, and wrought upon one or two of his Companions who used to stand Sentinels at the place where the King intended to get out. All things were provided; and the King had a File, and Saw; with which he had,

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with wonderful trouble, saw'd an Iron Bar in the Window, by which he could be able to get out; and being in this readiness, the Night was appointed, and *Osborne* at the place where he was to receive the King. But one of the Soldiers inform'd *Rolph* of more particulars than *Osborne* had done, by which he concluded that he was false, and directed the Soldier to proceed, and stand Sentinel in the same place to which he had been assign'd; and he, and some others trusted by him, were Arm'd, and stood very near with their Pistols. At midnight the King came to the Window, resolving to go out; but as he was putting himself out, he discern'd more Persons to stand thereabout than used to do, and thereupon suspected that there was some discovery made; and so shut the Window, and retired to his Bed. And this was all the ground of a discourse, which then flew abroad, as if the King had got half out at the Window, and could neither draw his Body after, nor get his Head back, and so was compell'd to call out for help; which was a meer fiction.

*ROLPH* acquainted *Hammond* with what the King had design'd; who presently went into his Chamber, and found the King in his Bed, but the Bar of the Window cut in two, and taken out; by which he concluded his information to be true; and presently seized upon *Doucet*, but could not apprehend *Osborne*; who was either fled out of the Island, or conceal'd in it that he could not be found. *Rolph* could not forbear to insult upon *Doucet* in Prison, and scornfully ask'd him, "Why his King came not forth when he was at the Window?" and said, "He was ready with a good Pistol charg'd to have receiv'd him. When *Osborne* had got into a place of present safety, he writ a Letter to his Patron the Lord *Wharton*, informing him of the whole matter; and desired him, "To acquaint the House of Peers of the design upon the King's Life, and that he would be ready to appear and justify the Conspiracy. That Lord, after he had kept the Letter some time, sent it to *Hammond*, as the fittest Person to examine the truth of the Relation. *Osborne* was not discouraged with all this; but sent two Letters to the Speakers of both Houses, and inclosed the Letter he had formerly writ to the Lord *Wharton*. In the House of Commons the information was slighted, and laid aside; but it made more impression upon the House of Peers; who sent, with more than ordinary earnestness, to the Commons, "That *Rolph* might be sent for, and a Safe-guard for forty days to *Osborne* to appear, and prosecute.

*Osborne accuses Rolph for a design upon the King's Life*

*ROLPH* brought with him a large Testimonial from *Hammond* of "His Integrity, and of the many good Services he had done to the State. *Osborne* appear'd likewise at the

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Lords Bar, and made good upon Oath all that is before set down, and undertook to produce other Evidence. The House of Commons had no mind to have it examin'd farther, but the clamour of the People was so great, that, after many delays, they Voted "That it should be try'd at the General Assizes at *Winchester*. And thither they sent their well try'd Serjeant *Wild*, to be the sole Judge of that Circuit: before whom the Major part of the same Jury that had found Captain *Burley* guilty, was impannell'd for the Tryal of *Rolph Osborne*, and *Doucet*, who upon Bail had liberty to be there, appear'd to make good the Indictment; and, upon their Oaths, declar'd all that *Rolph* had said to them, as is set down before. The Prisoner, if he may be call'd a Prisoner who was under no restraint, had two Lawyers assign'd to be of Council with him, contrary to the Law and Custom in those Cases; but he needed not to have had any Council but the Judge himself; who told the Jury, "That it was a business of great importance that was before them;" and therefore that they "should take heed what they did in it: that there was a time indeed when Intentions and Words were Treason, but God forbid it should be so now: how did any body know but that those two Men, *Osborne* and *Doucet*, would have made away the King, and that *Rolph* charg'd his Pistol to preserve him? or, perhaps they would have carried him away to have engaged them in a second War. He told them, "They were mistaken who did believe the King in Prison; the Parliament did only keep him safe to save the shedding of more Blood. Upon these good directions, the Grand Jury found an *Ignoramus* upon the Bill; and this was some little time before the Treaty.

The Commissioners report of the Treaty to the Parliament.

WHEN the Commissioners who had treated with the King at the Isle of *Wight*, were return'd to the Parliament, their report took up many days in the House of Commons, where the Resolution was first to be taken; which commonly was final, the Lords rarely presuming to contradict what the others thought fit to determine. The Question upon the whole was, "Whether the Answer that the King had made to their Propositions, was satisfactory? which was debated with all the Virulence, and Acrimony towards each other, that can fall from Men so possessed as both sides were.

Along and sharp Debate upon it.

Sr Harry Vane's Speech concerning it.

YOUNG Sr *Harry Vane* had begun the Debate with the highest Insolence, and Provocation; telling them, "That they should that day know and discover, who were their Friends, and who were their Foes; or, that he might speak more plainly, who were the King's Party in the House, and who were for the People; and so proceeded with his usual grave bitterness against the Person of the King, and the Govern-  
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ment that had been too long Settled; put them in mind, that they had been diverted from their old settled Resolution and Declaration, that they would make no more Addresses to the King; after which the Kingdom had been govern'd in great Peace, and begun to taste the sweet of that Republican Government which they intended and begun to establish, when by a Combination between the City of London and an ill affected Party in Scotland, with some small contemptible Insurrections in England, all which were fomented by the City, the Houses had, by clamour and noise, been induced and compell'd to reverse their former Votes and Resolution, and enter into a Personal Treaty with the King; with whom they had not been able to prevail, notwithstanding the low Condition he was in, to give them any security; but he had still reserv'd a power in himself, or at least to his Posterity, to exercise as Tyrannical a Government as he had done: that all the Insurrections, which had so terrified them, were now totally subdued; and the principal Authors and Abettors of them in their Custody, and ready to be brought to Justice, if they pleased to direct, and appoint it: that their Enemies in Scotland were reduced, and that Kingdom entirely devoted to a firm and good correspondence with their Brethren, the Parliament of England; so that there was nothing wanting, but their own Consent and Resolution, to make themselves the happiest Nation and People in the World; and to that purpose desir'd, that they might without any more loss of time, return to their former Resolution of making no more Addresses to the King; but proceed to the settling the Government without him, and to the severe punishment of those who had disturbed their peace and quiet, in such an exemplary manner, as might terrify all other Men for the future from making the like bold attempts: which, he told them, they might see would be most grateful to their Army, which had merited so much from them by the Remonstrance they had so lately publish'd.

THIS discourse appear'd to be exceedingly disliked, by that kind of Murmur which usually shews how the House stands inclined, and by which Men make their judgments there, of the success that is like to be. And his Preface, and Entrance into the Debate, were taken notice of with equal sharpness; and, "His presumption in taking upon himself to divide the House, and to censure their Affections to the Publick, as their sense and judgment should agree, or disagree with his own. One said, "That since he had, without Example, taken so much upon him, he was not to take it ill, if the contrary was assumed by other Men; and that it was as law-

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“ full for another Man, who said he was no gainer by the  
 “ Troubles, to make another Division of the House, and to  
 “ say, that they should find in the Debate of that day that  
 “ there were some who were desirous of Peace; and that They  
 “ were all losers, or, at least, no gainers by the War; and  
 “ that others were against Peace; and that They by the War  
 “ had gained large Revenues, and great Sums of Money, and  
 “ much Wealth; and therefore his Motion was, that the  
 “ Gainers might contribute to the Losers, if they would not  
 “ consent that the one might enjoy what was left, and the  
 “ other possess what they had got, by a Peace that might be  
 “ happy for both.

The large  
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 the Army  
 brought to  
 the House by  
 six Officers.

WHILST this was debating in the House, which conti-  
 nued several days, six Officers, from the head Quarters at  
*Windsor*, whither the Army had been brought before, or at  
 the time when the Treaty ended at the Isle of *Wight*, brought  
 their large Remonstrance to the House; in which they desir'd,  
 “ That there might be no farther proceedings upon the  
 “ Treaty; but that they would return to their former determi-  
 “ nation of no farther Addresses, and make what haste they  
 “ could in settling the Government: that the bargaining Pro-  
 “ position on the behalf of Delinquents, which was only upon  
 “ a Contract with the King, and not in any Judicial way,  
 “ might be laid aside; and that publick Justice might be done  
 “ upon the principal Actors in the late Trouble, and that  
 “ others, upon a true submission, might find Mercy: that a  
 “ peremptory day might be set, when the Prince of *Wales*, and  
 “ the Duke of *York*, should be requir'd to appear; which if  
 “ they should not do, they should stand exiled as Traitors;  
 “ and if they should appear, yet they should be bound to make  
 “ some satisfaction: that an end might be put to this Parlia-  
 “ ment, and a new Representative chosen of the People, for  
 “ the governing and preserving the whole Body of the Na-  
 “ tion. That no King might be hereafter admitted but upon  
 “ Election of the People, and as upon trust for the People,  
 “ who should be likewise limited and restrain'd by the Re-  
 “ presentative, with many other impracticable Particulars,  
 which troubled the Parliamant the less for their incoherence;  
 and impossibility to be reduced into practice.

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 ried to Hurst  
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BUT that which troubled most, and indeed which awaken'd  
 them to the most dismall apprehensions, was, that they were  
 advertised, that the King was taken away from *Carisbrooke*  
 Castle by an Officer of the Army, and carried to *Hurst* Castle,  
 not far from the other, but Situated on the main Land, and  
 in so vile and unwholesome an Air, that the Common Guards  
 there used to be frequently changed for the preservation of  
 their health. Colonel *Hammond* had, before the expiration of  
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the Treaty writ many Letters to the Parliament, to be discharged from that Government, and from the care of the King's Person; and the Officers of the Army seem'd wonderfully offended with him for making the demand; and he got himself looked upon as under a Cloud. But the Treaty was no sooner ended (and before the Commissioners begun their Report to the Houses) but he was discharged of the Trust of the Person of the King, and another Colonel sent to take the Person of the King, and to carry him to *Hurst Castle*.

THIS News being brought when they were in the heat of the Debate upon the King's Answer, they gave over that contest, and immediately Voted, "That the seizing upon the King's Person, and carrying him Prisoner to *Hurst Castle*, was without Their advice and consent: which Vote had little contradiction, because no Man would own the Advice. Then they caused a Letter to be written to the General, "That the Orders and Instructions to Colonel *Ewre* (the Officer who had seized the King) "were contrary to their Resolutions, "and Instructions to Colonel *Hammond*; and therefore, that "it was the pleasure of the House, that he should recal those "Orders; and that Colonel *Hammond* should again resume the care of the King's Person. But the General, without taking any notice of their Complaint, or of their Command, demanded the payment of the Arrears due to the Army; and told them, "That unless there were present Money sent to "that purpose, he should be forced to remove the Army, and "to draw them nearer to *London*. And at the same time a new Declaration was sent to the House from the Army, in pursuance of their late Remonstrance; which the House refused to take into consideration; and some sturdy Members moved, "That the Army might be declared Traitors, if they "presumed to march nearer *London* than they were at present; and that an impeachment of High Treason might be "drawn up against the principal Officers of it. Hereupon, the General marches directly for *London*, and Quarters at *White-Hall*; the other Officers, with their Troops, in *Durham House*, the *Mues*, *Covent Garden*, *Westminster*, and *St James's*; and for the present necessity, that no inconvenience might fall out, they sent to the City without delay to supply forty thousand pounds, to be immediately issued out to satisfy the Army. Notwithstanding all which monstrous proceeding, the House of Commons retained it's Courage, and were resolute "To assert the Treaty; and that the King's Answers "were satisfactory; or if they were not fully satisfactory, that "the House might, and ought to accept thereof, and proceed to the settlement of Peace in Church and State, rather "than

*Vote of the House of Commons thereupon.*

*Another Declaration of the Army sent to the House.*

*The General marches for London.*

“ than to reject them as unsatisfactory, and thereby continue  
 “ the Kingdom in War and Distraction.

THEY who vehemently pressed this Conclusion, and would be thought to be for the King, to make themselves popular, took upon them to make all the Invectives both against the King, and all the time of his Government, that his bitterest Enemies could do, only that they might shew how much the concessions he had now granted, had provided Remedies for all those Evils, and made all the foundation of their future hope of happiness and peace, to be in the no-power they had left him in: so that if he should have a mind to continue the Distractions to morrow, he would find no Body ready ever to joyn with him, having at this time sacrificed all his Friends to the Mercy of their mortal Enemies. In conclusion, and when they had prosecuted the Debate most part of the Night, till almost five of the Clock in the Morning, on *Monday* Night, they had first put the Question, “ Whether the Question should be put? and carried it by a hundred and forty Voices against one hundred and four: the main Question, “ That the Answer of the King to the Propositions of both Houses was a ground for the Houses to proceed upon for the settlement of the Peace of the Kingdom, was so clearly Voted, that the House was not divided; and that there might be no after-claps, they appointed a Committee “ To confer with the General, for the better procuring a good Intelligence and Correspondence between the Army and the Parliament; and then they Adjourn’d the House to *Wednesday* Morning, it being then near the Morning of *Tuesday*.

THE Committee that was appointed to confer with the General, waited, that Afternoon upon him in his Lodging at *White-Hall*, that they might be able to give some Account to the House the next Morning. But they were forced to attend full three hours, before they could be admitted to his presence; and then he told them sullenly and superciliously, “ That the way to correspond with the Army, was to comply with their Remonstrance: and, the next Morning there was a Guard of Musqueteers placed at the entry into, and door of the House, and the Officers thereof having a List in their hands of the Names of those who should be restrain’d from going into the House, all Those were stopped, one by one, as they came, and sent into the Court of Wards, where they were kept together for many hours, under a Guard, to the number of near one hundred. Notwithstanding which there were so many of the same opinion got into the House, through the inadvertency of the Guard, or because they meant only to sequester the most notorious and refractory Persons, that the Debate, upon resuming the same Question, continued very long;

Vote “ That  
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 “ Answer  
 “ was a  
 “ ground for  
 “ Peace.

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long; several Members who observ'd the force at the entrance of the House, and saw their Companions not suffer'd to come in, complain'd loudly of the Violence and Breach of Privilege, and demanded remedy; but, in vain; the House would take no notice of it. In the conclusion, after a very long Debate, the Major part of those who were present in the House, Voted the Negative to what had been settled in the former Debate, and "That the Answer the King had given to their Propositions was not satisfactory.

*The remaining Members Vote the contrary to former Votes.*

THOSE Gentlemen who for some hours had been restrain'd in the Court of Wards, were afterwards led in Triumph through *Westminster-Hall* (except some few, who were suffer'd for affection, or by negligence, to go away) by a strong Guard, to that place under the Exchequer which is commonly called *Hells*, where they might eat and drink, at their own charge, what they pleased. And here they were kept in one Room, till after twelve of the Clock in the Night: after which hour, in respect of the extreme cold Weather, and the Age of many of the Members, they were carried to several Inns; where they were suffer'd to lodge as Prisoners, and remain'd under that confinement for two or three days. In which time, they publish'd a Protestation in Print against the Proceedings of the House of Commons, declaring "The force and violence that had been used against them: and then the House, with the remaining Members, having determin'd what they thought fit, most of the other were at liberty to do what they pleased. No body own'd this Act of Violence in the Exclusion of so many Members: There was no Order made for it by the House. *Fairfax* the General knew nothing of it, and the Guards themselves being asked "What Authority they had, gave no other Answer "But that they had orders. But afterwards there was a full and clear Order of the House, without taking notice of any exclusion, "That none of them who had not been present that day when the Negative Vote prevailed, should sit any more in the House, before they had first subscribed the same Vote, as agreeable to their judgments; which if they subscribed, they were as well qualified Members as before. Many of these excluded Members, out of Conscience or Indignation, forbore coming any more to the House for many years; some, not before the Revolution; others, sooner or later, return'd to their old Seats, that they might not be idle when so much business was to be done.

*Vote, "That those who were absent as the Negative Vote should sit no more in the House.*

THEN the House renew'd their old Votes of no more Addresses, and annul'd and made void all those which introduced the Treaty: and that they might find no more such contradiction hereafter, they committed to several Prisons Major

*Vote of no more Addresses renewed.*

General

General *Brown* (though he was then Sheriff of *London*) Sr *John Clotworthy*, Sr *William Waller*, Major General *Massej*, and Commissary General *Copley*, who were the most active Members in the House of the Presbyterian Party, and who had all as maliciously advanced the Service of the Parliament in their several Stations against the King as any Men of their Rank in the Kingdom, and much more than any Officer of the present Army had then credit to do: of these, *Massej* made his escape, and Transported himself into *Holland*; and there, according to the natural Modesty of that Sect, presented himself to the Prince, with as much confidence (and as a Sufferer for the King his Father) as if he had defended *Colchester*.

The Protestation of the secluded Members.

THE Protestation that the secluded Members had published and caused to be Printed, with the Narrative of the violence that had been exercised upon them, and their declaring all Acts to be void which from that time had been done in the House of Commons, made a great noise over the Kingdom, and no less incensed those who remain'd and fate in the House, than it did the Officers of the Army; and therefore, to lessen the credit of it, the House likewise made a Declaration against that Protestation; and declar'd it, "To be False, Scandalous, and Seditious, and tending to the destruction of the visible and Fundamental Government of the Kingdom: and to this wonderful Declaration they obtain'd the concurrence of the small House of Peers, and joyntly ordain'd "That that Protestation should be suppressed, and "that no Man should presume to sell, or buy, or to read the "same.

Voted against by both Houses.

Votes of the House of Commons.

WHEN they had in this manner master'd all contradiction and opposition, they begun more directly to consult what they were to do, as well as what they were Not to do, and to establish some Affirmative conclusions, as they had done Negatives. They were told, "That it was high time to settle "some form of Government, under which the Nation was to "live: there had been much Treasure and Blood spent to recover the liberty of the People, which would be to no purpose if there were not provision made for their secure enjoying it; and there would be always the same attempts made, which had been of late, to disturb and to destroy "the publick Peace, if there were not such exemplary penalties inflicted, as might terrify all Men, of what condition "soever, from entering upon such desperate Undertakings. They resolv'd to gratify the Army, by taking a view of a Paper formerly digested by them as a model for a new Government, which was called, *The Agreement of the People*, and for contriving and publishing whereof, one of the Agitators had



had been, by *Cromwell's* directions, the year before, shot to death, when he found the Parliament was so much offended with it. They declar'd now, as the most popular thing they could do to please both the People and the Army, "That they would put an end to the Parliament on the last day of *April* next; and that there should be a Representative of the Nation, consisting of three hundred Persons chosen by the People; of which, for the Term of seven years, no Person who had adher'd to the King, or who should oppose this Agreement, or not subscrib'd thereunto, should be capable of being chosen to be one, or to have a voice in the Election; and that, before that time, and before the Dissolution of the present Parliament, it would be necessary to bring those signal Delinquents, who had lately disturbed the Quiet and Peace of the Kingdom, and put it to so great an expence of Blood and Treasure, to exemplary punishment. And it was with great impudence very vehemently urged, "That they ought to begin with Him who had been the cause of all the miseries, and mischiefs, which had befallen the Kingdom, and whom they had already devested of all Power and Authority to govern them for the future; and they had had near two years experience, that the Nation might be very happily govern'd without any recourse to him: that they had already declar'd, and the House of Peers had concurr'd with them, that the King had been the cause of all the Blood which had been spilt; and therefore, that it was fit that such a Man of Blood should be brought to Justice, that he might undergo the penalty that was due to his Tyranny and Murders: that the People expected This at their hands; and that having the principal Malefactor in their power, he might not escape the punishment that was due to him.

How new and monstrous soever this language and discourse was to all *English* Ears, they found a Major part still to concur with them: so that they appointed a Committee for the present "To prepare a charge of High Treason against the King, which should contain the several Crimes, and Misdemeanours of his Reign; which being made, they would consider of the best way and manner of Proceeding, that he might be brought to Justice.

*A Committee appointed by them to prepare a Charge against the King.*

THIS manner of proceeding in *England* was so unheard of, that it was very hard for any Body to propose any way to oppose it that might carry with it any hope of success. However, the pain the Prince was in, would not suffer him to rest without making some effort. He knew too well how far the States of *Holland* were from wishing that success, and honour to the Crown of *England*, as it had deserv'd from them, and

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desires the  
States to in-  
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how much they had always favour'd the Rebellion; that his own presence was in no degree acceptable or grateful to them; and that they were devising all ways how they might be rid of him: yet he believ'd the way they were now upon in *England*, would be so universally odious to all Christians, that no Body of Men would appear to favour it. His Highness therefore sent to the States General, to desire them "To give him "an Audience the next day; and that he would come to the place where they sat; which he did, being met by the whole Body at the bottom of the Stairs, and conducted into the Room where they sat.

THE Prince was attended by four or five of his Council; and when he had said a little to the States of Compliment, he refer'd them to a Paper which *St William Boswell*, the King's Resident there, was to deliver to them. The Paper described the ill condition the King his Father was in; and the threats and menaces which his Enemies used to proceed against him in such a manner as must be abominated by all Christians, and which would bring the greatest reproach and obloquy upon the Protestant Religion, that ever Christianity had undergone: And therefore desir'd them, "That they would "interpose their Credit, and Authority, in such a manner as "they thought fit, with the two Houses at *Westminster*, that "instead of such an unlawful and wicked prosecution, they "would enter into Terms of accommodation with his Royal "Father; For the observation whereof his Royal Highness "would become bound.

Their An-  
swer.

THE States assured his Highness, "That they were very "much afflicted at the condition of the King, and would be "glad any interposition of theirs might be able to relieve "him; that they would seriously consider in what manner "they might serve him. And, that day, they resolv'd to send an extraordinary Embassadour into *England*, who should repair to the Prince of *Wales*, and receive his Instructions to what Friends of the King's he should resort, and consult with; who, being upon the place, might best inform him to whom to apply himself. And they made choice of *Paw*, the Pensioner of *Holland*, for their Embassadour; who immediately attended the Prince with the Offer of his Service, and many professions of his desire that his Journey might produce some good Effect.

THE Council that was about the Prince, had looked upon *Paw* as a Man that had always favour'd the Rebellion in *England*, and as much obstructed all Civilites from the States towards the King, as was possible for him to do; and therefore they were very sorry that He was made choice of for Embassadour in such a fatal conjuncture. But the Prince of *Orange* assured

assured the Prince, "That he had used all his credit to compass that Election; that he was the Wisest Man of their Body; and that neither He, nor any of the rest, who had cherished the *English* Rebellion more than he, ever desired it should prosper to that degree it had done, as to endanger the changing the Government; and therefore wished There might not appear any distrust of him, but that the Prince would treat him with confidence, and some of the Council would confer with him with freedom, upon any particulars which it would be necessary for him to be instructed in. But the wisdom of Angels was not sufficient to give any effectual advice for such a Negotiation, since the States could not be brought so much to interest themselves, as to use any Menaces to the Parliament as if they would embark themselves in the Quarrel. So that the Council could only wish, "That the Embassadour would confer with such of the King's Friends who were then at *London*, and whose relation had been most eminent towards his Majesty; and receive advice from them, how he might most hopefully prevail over particular Men, and thereby with the Parliament. And so the Embassadour departed for *England*, within less than a week after he was nominated for the Employment.

*They send an Embassadour into England.*

AT the same time, the Queen of *England*, being struck to the Heart with amazement and confusion upon the report of what the Parliament intended, sent a Paper to the Agent who was employed there by the Cardinal to keep a good correspondence; which she obliged him to deliver to the Parliament. The Paper contain'd a very passionate lamentation of the sad condition the King her Husband was in; desiring "That they would grant her a Pass to come over to him, offering to use all the credit she had with him, that he might give them satisfaction. However, if they would not give her leave to perform any of those Offices towards the Publick, that she might be permitted to perform the Duty she owed Him, and to be near him in the uttermost Extremity. Neither of these Address'es did more than express the Zeal of those who procured them to be made: the Embassadour *Paw* could neither get leave to see the King (which he was to endeavour to do, that he might from himself be instructed best what to do) nor be admitted to an Audience by the Parliament, till after the Tragedy was acted: and the Queen's Paper was deliver'd, and never consider'd in order to return any Answer to it.

*The Queen sent a Paper to be deliver'd to the Parliament, but it was laid aside.*

WHEN the Committee had prepared such a Charge, which they called "An Impeachment of High Treason against *Charles Stewart* King of *England*, digested into several Articles, which contain'd all those Calumnies they had formerly

*The Charge against the King approv'd by the Commons:*

heaped up in that Declaration of no more Addreffes to be made to him, with some Additional Reproaches, it was read in the Houfe; and, after it was approv'd there, they fent it to the Houfe of Peers for Their concurrence. That Houfe had very little to do from the time that *Cromwell* return'd from *Scotland*, and were few in Number, and us'd to Adjourn for two or three days together for want of bufinefs; fo that it was believ'd, that they who had done fo many extravagant things, rather than they would difsent from the Houfe of Commons, would likewife concur with them in This, rather than fever from them when they were fo triumphant. But, contrary to this expectation, when this Impeachment was brought up to the Peers, it was fo ill receiv'd, that there was not one Perfon who concurr'd with them; which, confidering the Men and what moft of them had done, might feem very ftrange. And when they had, with some warmth rejected it, they Adjourn'd for a week; prefuming they fhould thereby at leaft give some interruption to that Career which the Houfe of Commons was upon, and, in that time, some expedient might be found to reconcile the Proceedings in both Houfes. But they were as much deceiv'd in this; the Houfe of Commons was very well pleas'd with it, and thought they had given them eafe, which they could not fo well have contriv'd for themfelves. So they proceeded in their own Method, and when the day came to which the Lords had Adjourn'd their Houfe, they found their doors all locked, and faften'd with Padlocks, that there fhould then be no more Entrance for them; nor did any of them ever after fit in that Houfe as Peers above twice or thrice at moft, till *Cromwell*, long after, endeavour'd in vain to have erected a Houfe of Peers of his own Creation; in which some of them then very willingly took their places.

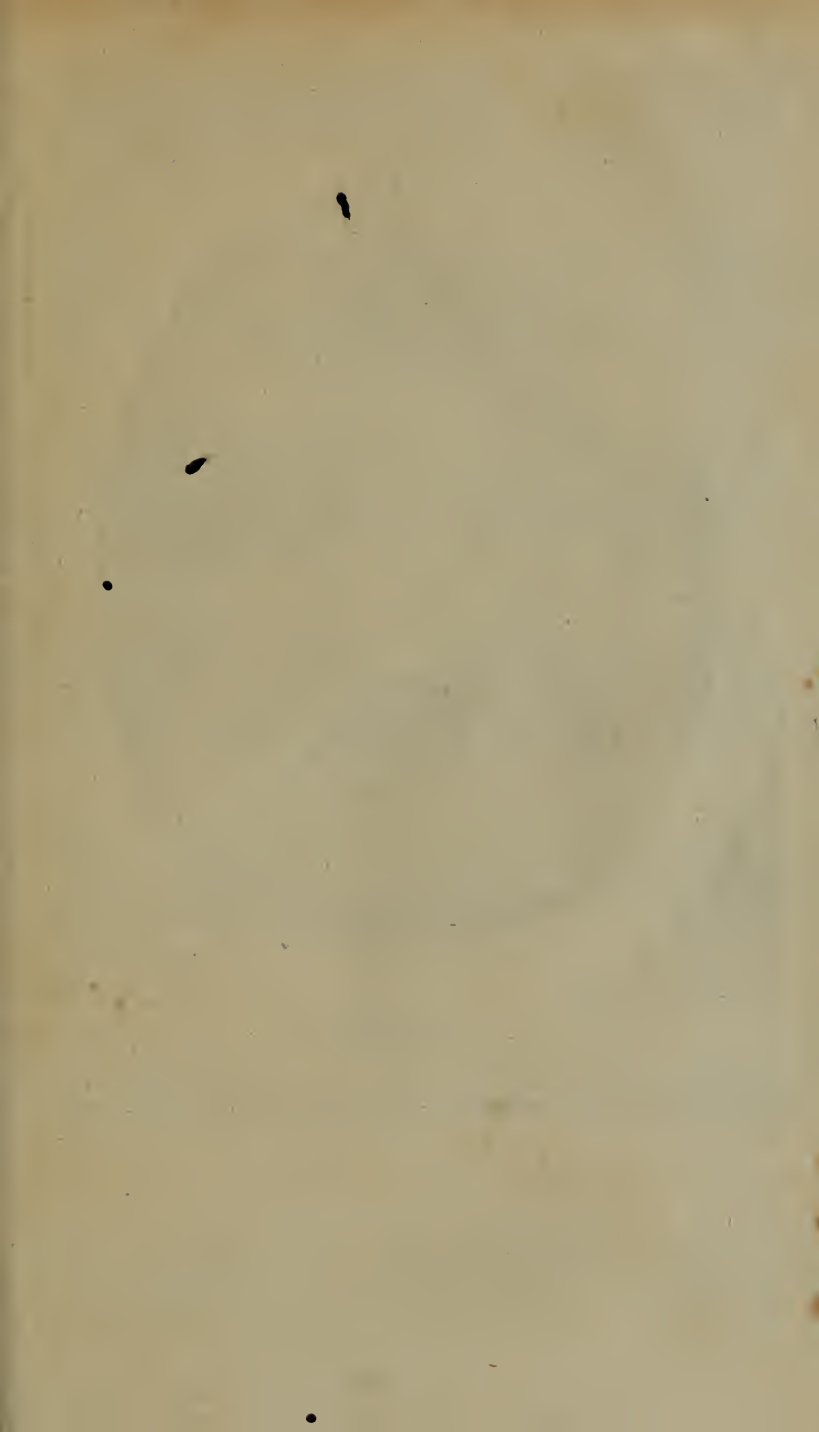
*Rejected by the Lords; who adjourn'd for a week;*

*The Door of their Houfe locked up againft the day to which they had adjourn'd.*

THE Charge and Accufation, upon which they resolv'd to proceed againft the King, being thus fettled and agreed upon, they begun to confider in what manner and form to proceed, that there might be some appearance of Juftice. Nothing could be found in the Common or Statute-Law, which could direct or warrant them; nor could the Precedent of depofing *Richard* the fecond (the fole Precedent of that kind) be applied to their purpofe: for, how foul foever the circumftances precedent had been, he had made a Refignation of his Royalty before the Lords in Parliament; fo that his Depofition proceeded from Himfelf, and with his own Confent, and would not agree in any particular with the cafe in queftion. They were therefore to make a new form to warrant their Proceedings: and a new form they did erect, never before heard of. They constituted and erected a Court that fhould be called "*The High Court of Juftice*, to confift of

*The Commons constitute a High Court of Juftice.*

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From an Orig. Painting.

Mat. Smith scul.

JOHN BRADSHAW President  
of the pret. H. Court of Justice.

“ so many Judges, who should have Authority to try the King,  
 “ whether he were guilty of what he was accused of, or no;  
 “ and, in order thereunto, to examine such Witnesses as  
 “ should be produced: The number of the Judges named was  
 about an hundred and fifty, whereof the Major part might  
 proceed.

THEY could not have found such a Number yet amongst  
 themselves, after so many barbarities and impieties, upon  
 whom they might depend in this last Tragical Act. And  
 therefore they laid this for a ground; that if they should  
 make only their own Members to be Judges in this case, they  
 might appear in the Eyes of the People to be too much par-  
 ties, as having from the beginning maintain'd a War, though  
 defensive, as they pretended, against the King, and so not so  
 fit to be the only Judges who were in the fault: On the other  
 hand, if they should name none of themselves, it might be  
 interpreted that they look'd upon it as too dangerous a Pro-  
 vince to engage themselves in, and therefore they had put it  
 off to others; which would discourage others from under-  
 taking it. Wherefore they resolv'd that the Judges should  
 be nominated promiscuously, as well of Members of the  
 House, as of such other of their Good and Godly Men in the  
 Kingdom. Whosoever would not be one himself when named,  
 as there were yet many amongst them, who, out of Con-  
 science, or of Fear, utterly protested against it, should take  
 upon him to name another Man; which sure he could not but  
 think was equally unlawful: So that few took upon them to  
 nominate others, who would reject the Province themselves.

ALL the Chief Officers of the Army were named, and  
 divers accepted the Office; and such Aldermen and Citizens  
 of *London*, as had been most violent against Peace, and some  
 few Country Gentlemen, whose Zeal had been taken notice  
 of for the Cause, and who were like to take such a Prefer-  
 ment as a testimony of the Parliament's Confidence in them,  
 and would thereupon embrace it. When such a Number of  
 Men were nominated as were thought in all respects to be  
 equal to the work, they were to make choice of a Speaker,  
 or Prolocutor, who should be called *Lord President* of that  
 High Court, who must manage and govern all the proceed-  
 ings there, ask the Witnesses all proper Questions, and an-  
 swer what the Prisoner should propose. And to that Office  
 one *Bradshaw* was chosen, a Lawyer of *Grays-Inn*, not much  
 known in *Westminster Hall*, though of good practice in his  
 Chamber, and much employed by the Factious. He was a  
 Gentleman of an ancient Family in *Cheshire* and *Lancashire*,  
 but of a Fortune of his own making. He was not without  
 Parts, and of great Insolence and Ambition. When he was

*Bradshaw*  
 made *Lord*  
*President.*

first nominated, he seem'd much surpris'd, and very resolute to refuse it; which he did in such a manner, and so much enlarging upon his own want of Abilities to undergo so important a Charge, that it was very evident he had expected to be put to that Apology. And when he was press'd with more importunity than could have been used by chance, he required "Time to consider of it; and said, "he would then "give his final Answer; which he did, the next day; and with great Humility accepted the Office, which he administer'd with all the Pride, Impudence, and Superciliousness imaginable. He was presently invest'd in great State, and many Officers, and a Guard assign'd for the security of his Person, and the Deans House at *Westminster* given to him for ever for his residence and habitation, and a good Sum of Money, about five thousand pounds, was appointed to be presently paid to him, to put himself in such an Equipage and way of Living, as the dignity of the Office which he held would require. And now, the Lord President of the High Court of Justice, seem'd to be the greatest Magistrate in *England*. And though it was not thought seasonable to make any such Declaration, yet some of those whose opinions grew quickly into Ordinances, upon several occasions, declared, "That they believ'd that Office was not to be look'd upon as "necessary *pro hac vice* only, but for continuance; and that "he who executed it, deserv'd to have an ample and a liberal "Estate conferr'd upon him for ever: which suddain mutation and exaltation of Fortune, could not but make a great impression upon a vulgar Spirit, accusom'd to no Excesses, and acquainted only with a very moderate Fortune. All this being done, they made choice of some Lawyers (till that time very obscure, and Men scarce known or heard of in their Profession) to perform the Offices of Attorney General, and Solicitor General for the State, to prosecute the Prisoner at his Trial, and to manage the Evidence against him. Other Officers, of all kinds, were appointed to attend, and perform the several Offices of their new Court; which was order'd to be erected in *Westminster* Hall

THE King was now sent for from *Hurst* Castle, and was receiv'd by Colonel *Harrison* with a strong Party of Horse; by whom he was to be conducted to *Windsor* Castle. *Harrison* was the Son of a Butcher near *Nantwich* in *Cheshire*, and had been bred up in the place of a Clerk under a Lawyer of good Account in those parts; which kind of Education introduces Men into the language and practice of Business, and, if it be not resisted by the great ingenuity of the Person, inclines young Men to more Pride than any other kind of breeding; and disposes them to be Pragmatical and Insolent, though they

Lawyers and  
other Officers  
appointed.

The King  
sent for from  
*Hurst* Castle  
by *Harrison*,  
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*Harrison*.

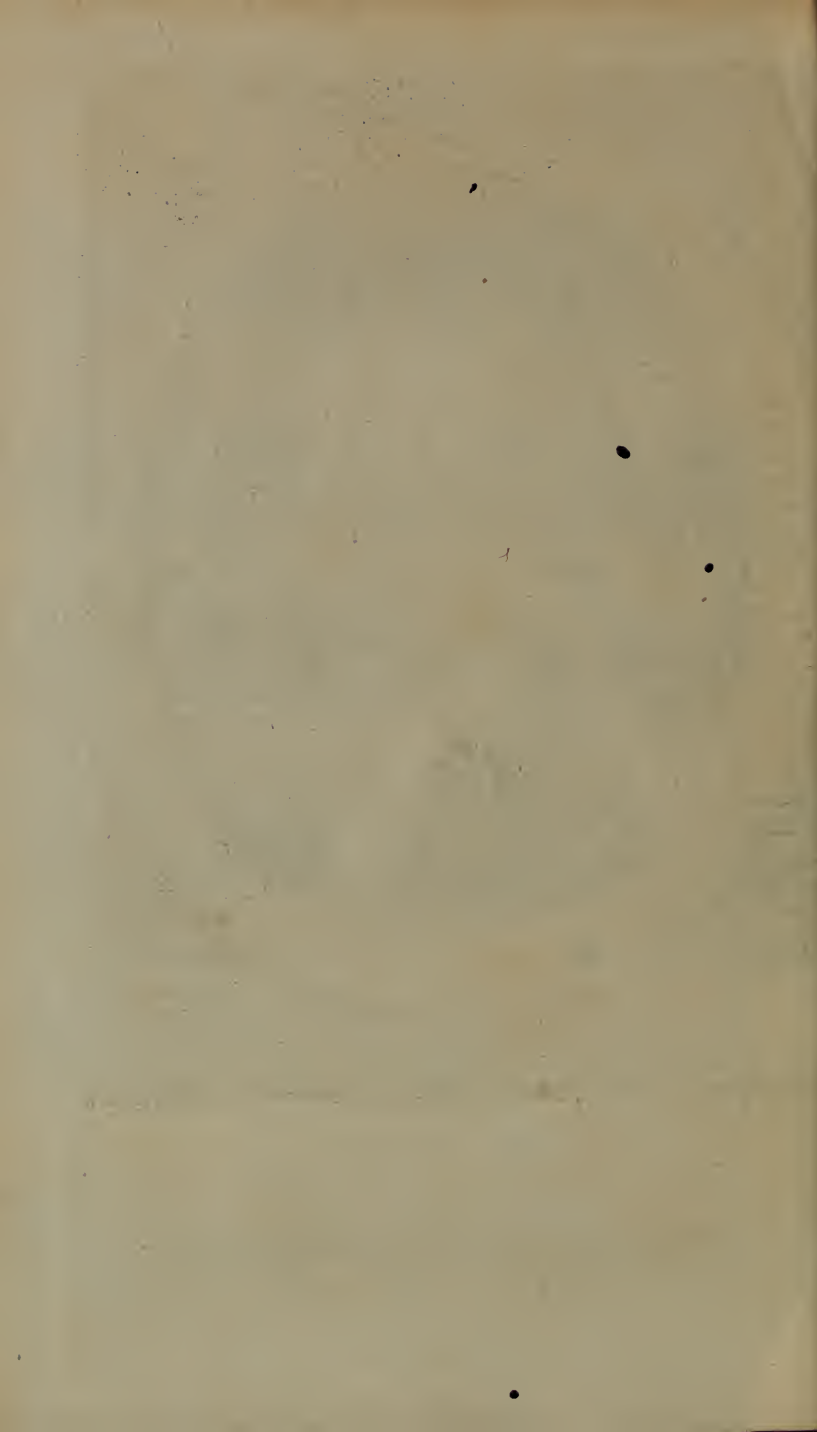




*Thomas Harrison*

*H. P. Gould scul.*

*Major Gen. THOMAS HARRISON*



they have the skill to conceal it from their Masters, except they find them ( as they are too often ) inclined to cherish it. When the Rebellion first began, this Man quitted his Master ( who had relation to the King's Service, and discharged his Duty faithfully ) and put himself into the Parliament Army, where, having first obtain'd the Office of a Cornet, he got up, by diligence and sobriety, to the State of a Captain, without any signal notice taken of him till the new model of the Army; when *Cromwell*, who, possibly, had knowledge of him before, found him of a spirit and disposition fit for his Service, much given to Prayer and to Preaching, and, otherwise, of an understanding capable to be trusted in any business; to which his Clerkship contributed very much: And then he was preferr'd very fast; so that, by the time the King was brought to the Army, he had been a Colonel of Horse, and look'd upon as inferior to few, after *Cromwell* and *Ireton*, in the Council of Officers, and in the Government of the Agitators; and there were few Men with whom *Cromwell* more communicated, or upon whom he more depended for the Conduct of any thing committed to him. He receiv'd the King with outward respect, kept himself bare; but attended him with great strictness; and was not to be approached by any Address; answering questions in short and few words, and when importuned, with rudeness. He manifested an apprehension that the King had some thought of making an Escape, and did all things in order to prevent it. Being to lodge at *Windsor*, and so to pass by *Bagshot*, the King expressed a desire to see his little Park at *Bagshot*, and so to dine at the Lodge there, a place where he had used to take much pleasure; and did not dissemble the knowing that the Lord *Newburgh*, who had lately Married the Lady *Aubigney*, liv'd there; and said, "He would send a Servant to let that Lady know that he would dine with her, that she might provide a dinner for him. *Harrison* well knew the Affection of that Lord and Lady, and was very unwilling he should make any stay there; but finding the King so fixt upon it, that he would not be otherwise removed from it than by absolutely refusing him to go thither, he chose to consent, and that his Majesty should send a Servant; which he did the Night before he intended to dine there.

BOTH Lord and Lady were of known Duty and Affection to the King; the Lady, after her Husband the Lord *Aubigney* had been kill'd at *Edge-hill*, having so far incensed the Parliament, that she had endured a long Imprisonment, under a suspicion that she had been privy to the design which had been discover'd by Mr *Waller*, upon which *Tomkins* and *Chal-loner* had been put to death, and had likewise her self been

put to death, if she had not made her Escape to Oxford. After the War was ended, she had, with the King's approbation, Married the Lord *Newburgh*; who had the same Affections. They had from the time of the King's being at *Hampton Court*, concerted with his Majesty upon such means, that, in the strictest restraint he was under, they found a way to write to, and to hear from him. And most of the Letters which passed between the King and the Queen, passed through their hands; who had likewise a Cipher with the King, by which they gave him notice of any thing they judged of Importance for him to know. They had given him notice that he would be sent for from *Hurst Castle*, and advised him "To find some way, that he might dine at the Lodge at *Bagshot*; and that he should take occasion, if he could, to lame the Horse he rode upon, or to find fault with his going, that he might take another Horse out of the Lord *Newburgh's* Stables to continue the rest of his Journey upon. That Lord much delighted in Horses, and had, at that time, in his Stables one of the fleetest that was in *England*; and the purpose was, to mount the King upon that Horse, that, when he found a fit opportunity, he might, upon the suddain, set Spurs to him; and if he could get out of the Company that encompassed him, he might, possibly, by the swiftness of his Horse, and his own skill in the most obscure ways of that Forrest, convey himself to another place in their view; and so, three or four good Horses were laid in several places. And this was the reason that the King had so earnestly insisted upon dining at *Bagshot*; which being in his way, and his custom being always to dine, they could not reasonably deny him that liberty.

BEFORE the King came thither, *Harrison* had sent some Horse with an Officer to search the House, and all about the Park, that he might be sure that no Company lurked, which might make some attempt. And the King, all the Morning, found fault with the going of his Horse; and said, "He would change it, and procure a better. When his Majesty came to the Lodge, he found his dinner ready, but was quickly inform'd, "That the Horse so much depended upon, was, the day before, by the blow of another Horse, so lam'd, that he could not be of use to the purpose he was design'd for. And though that Lord had other good Horses, which in such an exigent might be made use of, yet the King had observ'd so great difficulty to be in the attempt all his Journey, when he was encompassed always in the middle of a hundred Horse, the Officers all exceedingly well Horsed, and every Man, Officer, and Soldier, having a Pistol ready spann'd in one hand, that he resolv'd not to pursue that design. And *Harrison*

*The King dines at the Lord Newburgh's where was an intention of making the King's Escape, but in vain.*

*rison* had already told him, "That he had provided a better Horfe for him: and it was believ'd he would never have permitted him to have made use of one of the Lord *Newbourgh's*. So that after having spent three or four hours there, with very much satisfaction to himself, though he was not suffer'd to be in any Room without the Company of six or seven Soldiers, who suffer'd little to be spoken, except it was so loud that They could hear it too, he took a sad farewell of them, appearing to have little hope ever to see them again. The Lord *Newbourgh* rode some Miles in the Forest to wait upon the King, till he was requir'd by *Harrison* to return. His Majesty lodged that night at his Castle of *Winsor*, and was soon after carried to *St James's*. In this Journey, *Harrison* The King brought to St James's. observing that the King had always an apprehension that there was a purpose to Murther him, and had once let fall some words of "The odiousness and wickedness of such an Assassination and Murther, which could never be safe to the Person who undertook it; he told him plainly, "That he need not to entertain any such imagination or apprehension; that the Parliament had too much Honour and Justice to cherish so foul an intention; and assured Him, "That whatever the Parliament resolv'd to do, would be very Publick and in a way of Justice; to which the World should be Witness; and would never endure a thought of secret Violence: which his Majesty could not persuade himself to believe; nor did imagine that they durst ever produce him in the sight of the People, under any form whatsoever of a publick Trial.

It hath been acknowledg'd since by some Officers, and others who were present at the Consultations, that from the time of the King's being at *Hampton Court*, and after the Army had master'd both the Parliament and the City, and were weary of having the King with them, and knew not well how to be rid of him, there were many secret Consults what to do with him. And it was generally concluded, The several Consultations, before and after this time, among the Officers, what to do with the King: "They should never be able to settle their new form of Government, whilst He liv'd: and after he was become a Prisoner in the Isle of *Wight*, they were more sollicitous for a Resolution and Determination in that particular: and after the Vote of the no more Addresses, the most violent Party thought "They could do nothing in order to their own ends, till He should be first dead; and therefore, one way or other, that was to be compassed in the first place. Some were for "An actual Deposing him; which could not but be easily brought to pass, since the Parliament would Vote any thing they should be directed: Others were for the taking away his "Life by Poyson; which would make least noise; or, "If that  
"could

“ could not be so easily contriv’d, by Assassination; for which  
 “ there were hands enough ready to be employ’d. There was  
 a Third sort, as violent as either of the other, who pressed  
 “ To have him brought to a publick Trial as a Malefactor;  
 which, they said, “ Would be most for the Honour of the  
 “ Parliament, and would teach all Kings to Know, that they  
 “ were accountable, and punishable for the wickedness of their  
 “ Lives.

MANY of the Officers were of the first opinion, “ As a  
 “ thing they had Precedents for; and that he being once De-  
 “ pos’d, they could better settle the Government, than if he  
 “ were dead; for his Son could pretend no Right whilst He  
 “ was alive; whereas, if the Father were dead, he would  
 “ presently call himself King, and others would call him so  
 “ too; and, it may be, other Kings and Princes would own  
 “ him for such. If he were kept alive in a close Prison, he  
 “ might afterwards be made use of, or remov’d upon any ap-  
 “ pearance of a Revolution.

THERE were as many Officers of the second Judgement,  
 “ That he should be presently dispatch’d. They said, “ It ap-  
 “ pear’d by the experience they had, that whilst He was alive  
 “ (for a more strict Imprisonment than he had undergone, he  
 “ could never be confined to) there would be always Plots  
 “ and Designs to set him at Liberty; and he would have Parties  
 “ throughout the Kingdom; and, in a short time, a Faction  
 “ in their most secret Councils, and it may be in the Army it  
 “ self; and, where his Liberty would yield so great a Price, it  
 “ would be too great a Trust to repose in any Man, that he  
 “ would long resist the Temptation. Whereas, if he were  
 “ confessedly dead, all those fears would be over; especially  
 “ if they proceeded with that circumspection and severity to-  
 “ wards all his Party, as in prudence they ought to do. This  
 Party might probably have carried it, if *Hammon* could have  
 been wrought upon to have concurr’d; but he had yet too  
 much Conscience to expose himself to that Infamy; and with-  
 out His privity or connivance it could not be done.

THE third Party, which were all the Levellers and Agi-  
 tators of the Army, in the head of which *Ireton* and *Harrison*  
 were, would not endure either of the other ways; and said,  
 “ they could as easily bring him to Justice in the sight of the  
 “ Sun, as Depose him; since the Authority of the Parliament  
 “ could do one as well as the other: That their Precedent of  
 “ Deposing, had no reputation with the People; but was  
 “ look’d upon as the effect of some potent Faction, which  
 “ always oppressed the People more after, than they had been  
 “ before. Besides, those Deposings had always been attended  
 “ with Assassinations and Murthers, which were the more  
 “ odious,

“ odious, and detested, because no body own’d and avow’d  
 “ the bloody Actions they had done. But if he were brought  
 “ to a publick Trial, for the notorious ill things he had done,  
 “ and for his Misgovernment, upon the complaint and profes-  
 “ sion of the People, the Superiority of the People would  
 “ be hereby vindicated and made manifest; and they should  
 “ receive the benefit, and be for ever free from those oppres-  
 “ sions which he had impos’d upon them, and for which he  
 “ ought to pay so dear; and such an exemplary Proceeding  
 “ and Execution as this where every circumstance should be  
 “ clear and notorious, would be the best foundation and se-  
 “ curity of the Government they intended to establish; and  
 “ no Man would be Ambitious to succeed Him, and be a King  
 “ in his place, when he saw in what manner he must be ac-  
 “ countable to the People. This Argumentation, or the  
 strength and obstinacy of that Party, carried it: and here-  
 upon, all that formality of proceeding, which afterwards was  
 exercised, was resolv’d upon and consented to.

*Concluded to  
 have him  
 publickly  
 tryed.*

WHETHER the incredibility, or monstrousness of such a  
 kind of proceeding, wrought upon the minds of Men, or whe-  
 ther the principal Actors took pains, by their Insinuations, to  
 have it so believ’d, it fell out however that they among  
 them who wish’d the King best, and stood nearest to the Stage  
 where these parts were Acted, did not believe that there were  
 those Horrid Intentions that shortly after appear’d. The  
 Preachers, who had sounded the Trumpets loudest to, and  
 throughout the War, Preached now as furiously against all  
 wicked Attempts and Violence against the Person of the King,  
 and foolishly urged the obligation of the Covenant (by which  
 they had involv’d him in all the danger he was in) for the se-  
 curity of his Person.

AS SOON as the Prince heard of the King’s being carried  
 by *Harrison* to *Windsor*, and from thence to *St James’s*, though  
 he had lately sent a Servant on purpose to see his Majesty,  
 and to bring him an Account of the State he was in, which  
 Servant was not permitted to see him, he sent now another with  
 a Letter to *Fairfax* and the Council of War (for he knew the  
 Parliament had no Authority) in which he told them, “ That  
 “ he had no other means to be inform’d of the health and  
 “ condition of the King his Royal Father, but by the Com-  
 “ mon Prints, and general Intelligences that arriv’d in those  
 “ Parts: He had reason by those to believe, that after the ex-  
 “ piration of the Treaty in the Isle of *Wight* (where he hoped  
 “ the foundation for a happy Peace had been laid) his Majesty  
 “ had been carried to *Hurst* Castle; and since, by some Officers  
 “ of the Army, to *Windsor*, not without purpose of a more  
 “ violent prosecution; the rumour whereof, though of so  
 “ mon-

*The Prince  
 sends a Let-  
 ter to Fair-  
 fax and the  
 Council of  
 War:*

“ monstrous and incredible a Nature, had called upon his  
 “ Piety to make this Address to them; who had at this time  
 “ the power to choose, whether they would raise lasting Mo-  
 “ numents to themselves of Loyalty and Piety, by restoring  
 “ their Sovereign to his just Rights, and their Country to  
 “ Peace and Happiness, a Glory which had been seldom ab-  
 “ solutely vouchsafed to so small a number of Men, or to make  
 “ themselves the Authors of endless Misery to the Kingdom,  
 “ by contributing or consenting to an Act which all Christi-  
 “ ans, into how different opinions soever divided, must ab-  
 “ hor, as the most inconsistent with the Elements of any Re-  
 “ ligion, and destructive to the Security and being of any  
 “ kind of Government: He did therefore earnestly desire and  
 “ conjure them, sadly to consider the vast and prodigious dis-  
 “ proportion in that Election; and then, he said, “ He could  
 “ not doubt but that they would choose to do that which is  
 “ most Just, Safe, and Honourable for them to do; make them-  
 “ selves the blest Instruments to Preserve, Defend, and Restore  
 “ their King; to whom only their Allegiance was due; by  
 “ which every one of them might justly promise themselves  
 “ peace of Conscience, the singular good Will and Favour of  
 “ his Majesty, the ample thanks and acknowledgement of all  
 “ good Men, and the particular and unalterable Affection of  
 “ the Prince himself. This Letter was, with much ado, de-  
 “ liver’d into the hands of *Fairfax* himself; but the Messenger  
 could never be admitted to speak with him; nor was there  
 more known, than that it was read in the Council of War,  
 and laid aside.

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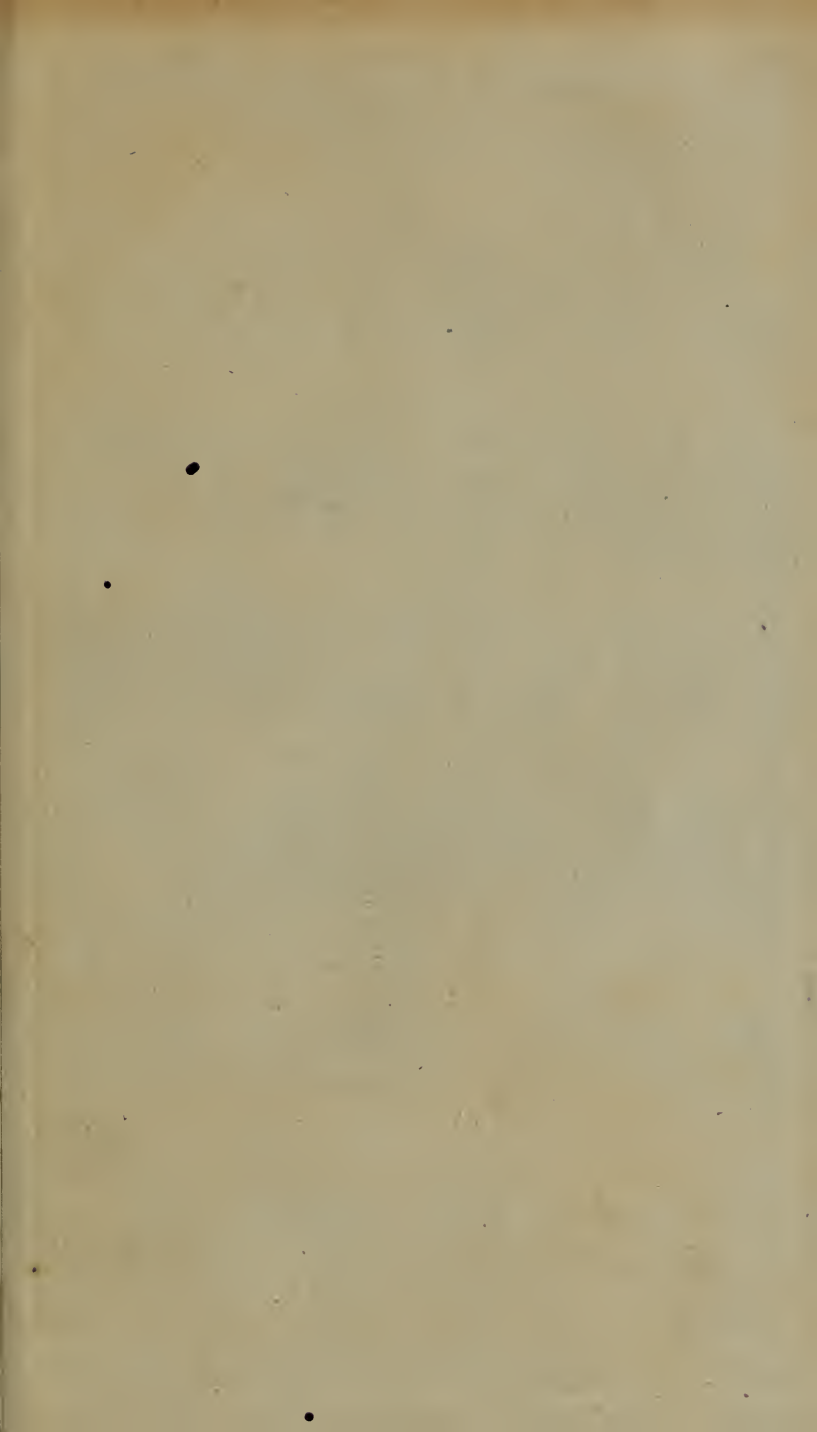
FROM the time of the King’s being come to *St James’s*,  
 when he was deliver’d into the hands and custody of Colonel  
*Tomlinson*, a Colonel of Foot, though the Officer seem’d to  
 be a Man of a better breeding, and of a Nature more Civil  
 than *Harrison*, and pretended to pay much Respect and Duty  
 to the King in his outward Demeanour, yet his Majesty, after  
 a short time, was treated with more Rudeness and Barbarity  
 than he had ever been before. They were so jealous of their  
 own Guards, lest they should be wrought upon by the in-  
 fluence of this Innocent Prince, or by the remorse of their own  
 Conscience upon the exercise of so much Barbarity, that  
 they caused the Guards to be still changed; and the same  
 Men were never suffer’d twice to perform the same monstrous  
 Duty.

The usage of  
 the King at  
 St James’s.

He is brought  
 to West-  
 minster  
 Hall, Jan.  
 20.

WHEN He was first brought to *Westminster Hall*, which  
 was upon the twentieth of *January*, before their *High Court*  
*of Justice*, he look’d upon them, and sat down, without any  
 manifestation of trouble, never stirring his Hat; all the im-  
 pudent Judges sitting cover’d and fixing their Eyes upon him,  
 without







*From an Original Painting.*

*J. F. G. G. G. G. G.*

COL. JOHN HEWSON.

without the least shew of respect. The odious Libel, which they called a Charge and Impeachment, was then read by the Clerk; which, in effect, contain'd, "That he had been admitted King of *England*, and trusted with a limited Power to Govern according to Law; and, by his Oath and Office, was obliged to use the Power committed to him for the good and benefit of the People; but that he had, out of a wicked design to erect to himself an Illimited and Tyrannical Power, and to overthrow the Rights and Liberties of the People, Trayterously levied War against the present Parliament, and the People therein represented. And then it mention'd his first appearance at *York* with a Guard, then his being at *Beverly*, then his setting up his Standard at *Nottingham*, the day of the Month and the Year in which the Battle had been at *Edgehill*, and all the other several Battles which had been fought in his Presence; in which, it said, "He had caused and procured many thousands of the Free-born People of the Nation to be slain: and after all his Forces had been defeated, and Himself become a Prisoner, he had, in that very year, caused many Insurrections to be made in *England*, and given a Commission to the Prince his Son to raise a new War against the Parliament; whereby many who were in their Service, and trusted by them, had revolted, broken their Trust, and betook themselves to the Service of the Prince against the Parliament and the People: that he had been the Author and Contriver of the unnatural, cruel, and bloody Wars; and was therein guilty of all the Treasons, Murders, Rapines, Burnings, and Spoils, Desolations, Damage, and Mischief to the Nation, which had been committed in the said War, or been occasion'd thereby; and that he was therefore impeached for the said Treasons and Crimes, on the behalf of the People of *England*, as a Tyrant, Traytor, and Murderer, and a publick implacable Enemy to the Common-wealth of *England*. And it was prayed, "That he might be put to Answer to all the particulars, to the end that such an Examination, Trial, and Judgment, might be had thereupon, as should be agreeable to Justice.

WHICH being read, their President *Bradshaw*, after he had insolently reprehended the King "For not having shew'd more respect to that High Tribunal, told him, "That the Parliament of *England* had appointed that Court to try him for the several Treasons, and Misdemeanours, which he had committed against the Kingdom during the evil Administration of his Government; and that, upon the Examination thereof, Justice might be done. And, after a great sawciness and impudence of talk, he asked the King, "What Answer he had to make to that Impeachment.

THE

The Sum of the Charge.

What passed the first day of his Trial.

THE King, without any alteration in his Countenance by all that insolent provocation, told them, "He would first know  
 "of them, by what Authority they presumed by force to  
 "bring him before them, and who gave them power to judge  
 "of his Actions, for which he was accountable to none but  
 "God; though they had been always such as he need not be  
 "ashamed to own them before all the World. He told them,  
 "that He was their King, They his Subjects; who owed  
 "him Duty and Obedience: that no Parliament had Autho-  
 "rity to call him before them; but that They were not the  
 "Parliament, nor had any Authority from the Parliament to  
 "sit in that manner: That of all the Persons who sat there,  
 "and took upon them to judge him, except those Persons  
 "who being Officers of the Army he could not but know  
 "whilst he was forced to be amongst them, there were only  
 "two Faces which he had ever seen before, or whose names  
 "were known to him. And, after urging "Their Duty, that  
 "was due to him, and his Superiority over them, by such lively  
 "Reasons, and Arguments, as were not capable of any  
 "Answer, he concluded, "That he would not so much betray  
 "himself, and his Royal Dignity, as to Answer any thing they  
 "objected against him, which were to acknowledge their  
 "Authority; though he believ'd that every one of Them-  
 "selves, as well as the Spectators, did, in their own Consci-  
 "ences, absolve him from all the Material things which were  
 "objected against him.

BRADSHAW advised him, in a very arrogant manner, "Not  
 "to deceive himself with an opinion that any thing he had  
 "said would do him any good: that the Parliament knew  
 "their own Authority, and would not suffer it to be called in  
 "question or debated: therefore required him, "To think bet-  
 "ter of it, against he should be next brought thither, and that  
 "he would Answer directly to his Charge; otherwise, he  
 "could not be so ignorant, as not to know what Judgment  
 "the Law pronounced against those who stood Mute, and ob-  
 "stinately refused to plead. So the Guard carried his Majesty  
 back to St James's; where they treated him as before.

*Disturbance  
 in the Court  
 by the Lady  
 Fairfax the  
 General's  
 wife.*

THERE was an accident happen'd that first day, which  
 may be fit to be remember'd. When all those who were  
 Commissioners had taken their places, and the King was  
 brought in, the first ceremony was to read their Commis-  
 sion; which was the Ordinance of Parliament for the Trial;  
 and then the Judges were all called, every Man answering to  
 his name as he was called, and the President being first called  
 and making Answer, the next who was called being the Ge-  
 neral, Lord Fairfax, and no Answer being made, the Officer  
 called him the second time, when there was a voice heard  
 that

that said, "He had more Wit than to be there; which put the Court into some disorder, and some body asking, who it was, there was no other Answer but a little murmuring. But, presently, when the Impeachment was read, and that expression used, of "All the good People of *England*, the same voice in a louder tone, Answer'd, "No, nor the hundredth part of "them: upon which, one of the Officers bid the Soldiers give fire into that Box whence those presumptuous words were utter'd. But it was quickly discern'd that it was the General's Wife, the Lady *Fairfax*, who had utter'd both those sharp sayings; who was presently perswaded or forced to leave the place, to prevent any new disorder. She was of a very noble Extraction, one of the Daughters and Heirs of *Horace Lord Vere of Tilbury*; who, having been bred in *Holland*, had not that reverence for the Church of *England*, as she ought to have had, and so had unhappily concurr'd in her Husband's entering into Rebellion, never imagining what misery it would bring upon the Kingdom; and now abhorr'd the work in hand as much as any Body could do, and did all she could to hinder her Husband from acting any part in it. Nor did he ever sit in that bloody Court, though he was throughout overwitted by *Cromwell*, and made a property to bring that to pass which could very hardly have been otherwise effected.

As there was in many Persons present at that woful Spectacle a real Duty and Compassion for the King, so there was in others so barbarous and brutal a behaviour towards him, that they called him Tyrant, and Murderer; and one spit in his Face; which his Majesty, without expressing any trouble, wiped off with his Handkerchief.

THE two Men who were only known to the King before the Troubles, were Sr *Harry Mildmay*, Master of the King's Jewel House, who had been bred up in the Court, being younger Brother of a good Family in *Effex*, and who had been prosecuted with so great Favours and Bounties by King *James*, and by his Majesty, that he was raised by them to a great Estate, and prefer'd to that Office in his House, which is the best under those which entitle the Officers to be of the privy Council. No man more obsequious to the Court than He, whilst it flourish'd; a great flatterer of all Persons in Authority, and a Spy in all places for them. From the beginning of the Parliament, he concurr'd with those who were most violent against the Court, and most like to prevail against it; and being thereupon branded with ingratitude, as that brand commonly makes Men most impudent, he continued his desperate pace with them, till he became one of the Murderers of his Master. The other was Sr *John Danvers*, the younger Brother and Heir of the Earl of *Danby*, who was a Gentleman

Sr H. Mildmay and Sr John Danvers the only two Persons the King knew besides the Officers of the Army.

of the Privy Chamber to the King, and being neglected by his Brother, and having, by a vain Expence in his way of living, contracted a vast debt, which he knew not how to pay, and being a proud formal weak Man, between being seduced and a Seducer, became so far involv'd in their Counsels that he suffer'd himself to be applied to their worst Offices, taking it to be a high honour to sit upon the same Bench with *Cromwell*, who employed and contemned him at once: nor did that Party of Miscreants, look upon any two Men in the Kingdom with that scorn and detestation as they did upon *Danvers* and *Mildmay*.

*A Summary  
passing  
over the rest  
of the  
King's Tri-  
al.*

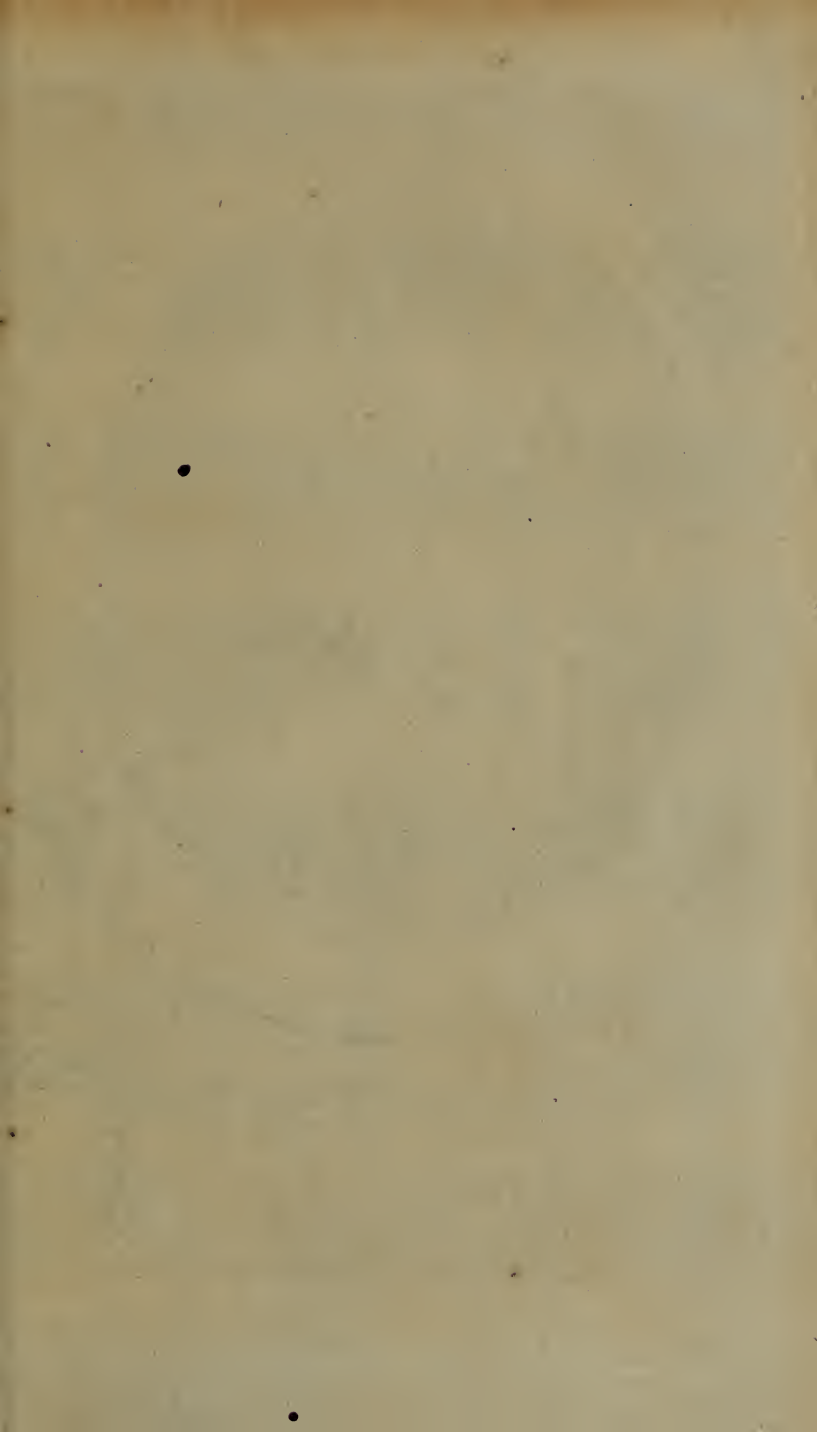
THE several unheard of insolencies which this excellent Prince was forced to submit to, at the other times he was brought before that odious Judicatory, his Majestick behaviour, and resolute insisting upon his own dignity, and defending it by manifest Authorities in the Law, as well as by the clearest deductions from Reason, the pronouncing that horrible sentence upon the most innocent Person in the world, the Execution of that Sentence by the most execrable Murder that was ever committed since that of our Blessed Saviour; and the circumstances thereof; the Application and Interposition that was used by some noble Persons to prevent that woful Murder, and the hypocrisy with which that interposition was eluded, the Saint-like behaviour of that Blessed Martyr, and his Christian courage and patience at his death, are all particulars so well known, and have been so much enlarged upon in a Treatise peculiarly writ to that purpose, that the farther mentioning it in this place would but afflict and grieve the Reader, and make the Relation it self odious as well as needless; and therefore no more shall be said here of that deplorable Tragedy, so much to the dishonour of the Nation, and the Religion professed by it, though undeservedly.

*His Chara-  
cter.*

BUT it will not be unnecessary to add a short Character of his Person, that Posterity may know the inestimable loss which the Nation then underwent, in being depriv'd of a Prince whose example would have had a greater influence upon the manners, and piety of the Nation, than the most strict Laws can have. To speak first of his private Qualifications as a Man, before the mention of his Princely and Royal Virtues; He was if ever any, the most worthy of the title of an Honest Man; so great a lover of Justice, that no temptation could dispose him to a wrongful Action, except it was so disguised to him that he believ'd it to be just. He had a tenderness and compassion of Nature, which restrain'd him from ever doing a hard-hearted thing: and therefore he was so apt to grant pardon to Malefactors, that the Judges of the Land represented to him the damage and insecurity to the Publick;

that

*His Justice  
and Mercy.*





*Ant. Van Dyck pinx.*

*M. J. Goussier Sculp.*

*CHARLES the I. King of  
Gr. Britain, France, & Ireland, &c.  
Murdered Jan 30. 1648.*



that flowed from such his Indulgence. And then he restrain'd himself from pardoning either Murders, or Highway Robberies, and quickly discern'd the fruits of his severity by a wonderful Reformation of those Enormities. He was very punctual and regular in his Devotions; he was never known to enter upon his Recreations or Sports, though never so early in the Morning, before he had been at Publick Prayers; so that on Hunting days his Chaplains were bound to a very early Attendance. He was likewise very strict in observing the hours of his private Cabinet Devotion; and was so severe an exactor of gravity and reverence in all mention of Religion, that he could never endure any light or prophane word, with what sharpness of Wit soever it was cover'd: and though he was well pleased, and delighted with reading Verses made upon any occasion, no Man durst bring before him any thing that was prophane or unclean. That kind of Wit had never any Countenance then. He was so great an Example of Conjugal Affection, that they who did not imitate him in that particular, durst not brag of their Liberty: and he did not only permit, but direct his Bishops to prosecute those scandalous Vices, in the Ecclesiastical Courts, against Persons of eminence, and near Relation to his Service.

*His Devotion and Religion.*

*His Conjugal Chastity.*

HIS Kingly Virtues had some mixture and allay, that hindered them from shining in full Lustre, and from producing those Fruits they should have been attended with. He was not in his Nature very bountiful, though he gave very much. This appear'd more after the Duke of Buckingham's death, after which those showres fell very rarely; and he paused too long in giving, which made those to whom he gave, less sensible of the benefit. He kept state to the full, which made his Court very orderly; no Man presuming to be seen in a place where he had no pretence to be. He saw, and observ'd Men long, before he receiv'd them about his Person; and did not love Strangers, nor very confident Men. He was a patient hearer of Causes; which he frequently accustom'd himself to at the Council Board; and judged very well, and was dextrous in the mediating part: so that he often put an end to Causes by perswasion, which the stubbornness of Men's humours made dilatory in Courts of Justice.

*He was not very bountiful.*

*He kept State in his Court.*

*Patient in hearing Causes.*

HE was very fearless in his Person; but, in his riper years, not very Enterprising. He had an excellent understanding, but was not confident enough of it; which made him often times change his own opinion for a worse, and follow the advice of Men that did not judge so well as himself. This made him more irresolute than the conjuncture of his Affairs would admit: if he had been of a rougher and more imperious Nature, he would have found more respect and Duty. And

*Fearless, not Enterprising. Not confident in his own judgment.*

his not applying some severe cures to approaching Evils, proceeded from the Lenity of his Nature, and the tenderness of his Conscience, which, in all cases of Blood, made him choose the softer way, and not hearken to severe Counsels, how reasonably soever urged. This only restrain'd him from pursuing his advantage in the first *Scottish* Expedition, when, humanly speaking, he might have reduced that Nation to the most entire obedience that could have been wished. But no Man can say he had then many who advised him to it, but the contrary, by a wonderful indisposition all his Council had

*Lover of the Scottish Nation.* to the War, or any other Fatigue. He was always a great Lover of the *Scottish* Nation, having not only been born there, but educated by that People, and besieged by them always, having few *English* about him till he was King; and the major number of his Servants being still of that Nation, who he thought could never fail him. And among these, no Man had such an Ascendent over him, by the humblest insinuations, as Duke *Hamilton* had.

*Abhorr'd Debauchery.* As he excelled in all other Virtues, so in Temperance he was so strict, that he abhorr'd all Debauchery to that degree, that, at a great Festival Solemnity, where he once was, when very many of the Nobility of the *English* and *Scots* were entertain'd, being told by one who withdrew from thence, what vast draughts of Wine they drank, and "That there was one Earl, who had drank most of the rest down, and was not himself mov'd or alter'd, the King said, "That he deserv'd to be hanged; and that Earl coming shortly after into the Room where his Majesty was, in some gayety, to shew how unhurt he was from that Battle, the King sent one to bid him withdraw from his Majesty's Presence; nor did he in some days after appear before him.

So many miraculous Circumstances contributed to his Ruine, that Men might well think that Heaven and Earth conspired it. Though he was, from the first Declension of his Power, so much betrayed by his own Servants, that there were very few who remain'd faithful to him, yet that Treachery proceeded not always from any Treasonable purpose to do Him any harm, but from particular, and personal Animosities against other Men. And afterwards, the terror all Men were under of the Parliament, and the guilt they were conscious of themselves, made them watch all opportunities to make themselves gracious to those who could do them good; and so they became spies upon their Master, and from one piece of Knavery were harden'd and confirm'd to undertake another; till at last they had no hope of preservation but by the Destruction of their Master. And after all this, when a Man might reasonably believe that less than a univerful De-

fection

fection of three Nations, could not have reduced a great King to so ugly a fate, it is most certain, that, in that very hour when he was thus wickedly Murder'd in the sight of the Sun, he had as great a share in the Hearts and Affections of his Subjects in general, was as much belov'd, esteem'd, and longed for by the People in general of the three Nations, as any of his Predecessors had ever been. To conclude, He was the worthiest Gentleman, the best Master, the best Friend, the best Husband, the best Father, and the best Christian, that the Age in which he liv'd produc'd. And if he were not the greatest King, if he were without some Parts and Qualities which have made some Kings great and happy, no other Prince was ever unhappy who was possess'd of half his Virtues and Endowments, and so much without any kind of Vice.

*Belov'd by  
his Subjects  
in general  
when he was  
Murder'd.  
The Sum of  
his Chara-  
cter.*

THIS unparalell'd Murder and Parricide was committed upon the thirtieth of *January*, in the Year, according to the Account us'd in *England*, 1648, in the forty and ninth year of his Age, and when he had such excellent health, and so great Vigour of Body, that when his Murderers caused him to be open'd (which they did; and were some of them present at it with great curiosity) they confessed, and declared, "That no Man had ever all his vital parts so perfect and unhurt; and that he seem'd to be of so admirable a composition and constitution, that he would probably have liv'd as long as nature could subsist. His Body was immediately carried into a Room at *White-Hall*; where he was expos'd for many days to the publick view, that all Men might know that he was not alive. And he was then imbalm'd, and put into a Coffin, and so carried to *St James's*; where he likewise remain'd several days. They who were qualified to order his Funeral, declared, "That he should be buried at *Windsor* in a decent manner, provided that the whole Expence should not exceed five hundred pounds. The Duke of *Richmond*; the Marquis of *Hertford*, the Earls of *Southampton* and *Lindsey*; who had been of his Bed-Chamber, and always very faithful to him, desired those who govern'd, "That they might have leave to perform the last duty to their dead Master, and to wait upon him to his Grave; which, after some pauses, they were permitted to do, with this, "That they should not attend the Corps out of the Town; since they resolv'd it should be privately carried to *Windsor* without Pomp or Noise, and then they should have timely notice, that if they pleas'd, they might be at his Interment. And accordingly it was committed to four of those Servants, who had been by them appointed to wait upon him during his Imprisonment, that they should convey the Body to *Windsor*; which they did. And it was, that Night, plac'd in that Chamber which had

usually been his Bed-Chamber: the next Morning, it was carried into the great Hall; where it remain'd till the Lords came; who arriv'd there in the Afternoon, and immediately went to Colonel *Whitchcot*, the Governour of the Castle, and shew'd the Order they had from the Parliament to be present at the Burial; which he admitted; but when they desired that his Majesty might be Buried according to the Form of the Common-Prayer Book, the Bishop of *London* being present with them to officiate, he positively and roughly refused to consent to it; and said, "It was not Lawful; that the Common-Prayer Book was put down, and he would not suffer it to be used in that Garrison where He Commanded; nor could all the Reasons, Perswasions, and Entreaties, prevail with him to suffer it. Then they went into the Church, to make choice of a place for Burial. But when they enter'd into it, which they had been so well acquainted with, they found it so alter'd and transform'd, all Inscriptions, and those Land-Marks pulled down, by which all Men knew every particular place in That Church, and such a dismal mutation over the whole, that they knew not where they were: nor was there one old Officer that had belonged to it, or knew where our Princes had used to be interr'd. At last there was a Fellow of the Town who undertook to tell them the place, where, he said, "There was a Vault, in which King *Harry* the Eighth and Queen *Jane Seymour* were interr'd. As near that place as could conveniently be, they caused the Grave to be made. There the King's Body was laid without any words, or other Ceremonies than the tears and sighs of the few beholders. Upon the Coffin was a plate of Silver fixt with these words only, *King Charles* 1648. When the Coffin was put in, the black Velvet Pall that had cover'd it was thrown over it, and then the Earth thrown in; which the Governour stay'd to see perfectly done, and then took the Keys of the Church.

I HAVE been the longer, and the more particular in this relation, that I may from thence take occasion to mention what fell out long after, and which administer'd a Subject of much discourse; in which, according to the several humours and fancies of Men, they who were in nearest Credit and Trust about the King, underwent many very severe Censures and Reproaches, not without reflection upon the King himself. Upon the Return of King *Charles* the Second with so much Congratulation, and universal Joy of the People, above ten Years after the Murder of his Father, it was generally expected that the Body should be remov'd from that obscure Burial, and, with such Ceremony as should be thought fit, should be solemnly deposited with his Royal Ancestors in King *Harry* the Seventh's Chappel in the Collegiate Church of

*Westminster*. And the King himself intended nothing more, and spoke often of it, as if it were only deferr'd till some Circumstances and Ceremonies in the doing it might be adjust'd. But, by degrees, the discourse of it was diminished, as if it were totally laid aside upon some reasons of State, the ground whereof several Men guesſed at according to their fancies, and thereupon caſt thoſe Reproaches upon the States-men as they thought reaſonable, when the reaſons which were ſuggeſted by their own imaginations, did not ſatisfy their underſtanding. For the ſatisfaction and information of all Men, I chooſe in this place to explain that matter; which, it may be is not known to many; and at that time was not, for many reaſons, thought fit to be publiſh'd. The Duke of *Richmond* was dead before the King return'd; the Marquis of *Hertford* died in a ſhort time after, and was ſeldom out of his Lodging after his Maſteſty came to *White-Hall*; the Earl of *Southampton* and the Earl of *Lindſey* went to *Windsor*, and took with them ſuch of their own Servants as had attended them in that Service, and as many others as they remember'd had been then preſent, and were ſtill alive; who all amounted to a ſmall Number; there being, at the time of the Interment, great ſtrictneſs uſed in admitting any to be preſent whoſe Names were not included in the Order which the Lords had brought. In a word, the confuſion they had at that time obſerv'd to be in that Church, and the ſmall alterations which were begun to be made towards Decency, ſo totally perplexed their Memories, that they could not ſatisfy themſelves in what place, or part of the Church the Royal Body was Interr'd: Yet, where any concurr'd upon this, or that place, they cauſed the ground to be open'd at a good diſtance, and upon ſuch Enquiries, found no Cauſe to believe that they were near the place: And, upon their giving this Account to the King, the thought of that remove was laid aſide; and the reaſon communicated to very few, for the better diſcountenancing farther Enquiry.

THOUGH this wicked and abominable Action had to a degree ſatisfied their Malice, it had not enough provided for their Ambition or Security. They had no ſooner freed themſelves from one, than another King was grown up in his place. And beſides the old Royal Party, which continued ſtill victorious, notwithstanding their loſs of ſo much Blood, and (which weakens almoſt as much) of ſo great Eſtates, they did apprehend that there were in the vaſt number of the guilty (who quietly look'd on upon the removal of the old, whom they had ſo grievouſly offended) who would yet be very willing to ſubmit, and be obedient to the new King; who was like to find more Friends abroad, as well as at home, than

his Father had done. And therefore they made haste to prevent this threatenng evil, by publishing a Proclamation, "That no Person whatsoever should presume to declare *Charles Stuart*, Son of the late *Charles*, commonly call'd the Prince of *Wales*, or any other Person to be King, or Chief Magistrate of *England*, or *Ireland*, or of any Dominions belonging thereunto, by colour of Inheritance, Succession, Election, or any other Claim whatsoever; and that whoever, contrary to this Act, presume to proclaim, &c. should be deem'd and adjudged a Traytor, and suffer accordingly.

Proclamation  
on against  
proclaiming  
Charles  
Stuart  
King.

IN the next place, that their Infant Republick might be Nursed, Cherished, and brought up by those only who had gotten and brought it forth, they resolv'd to take away and abolish the House of Peers, and Voted, "That they would make no farther Addresses to the House of Lords, nor receive any more from them: That the House of Peers, in Parliament, was useles and dangerous; and that an Act should be brought in for abolishing it: That the Privilege of the Peers of being freed from Arrests, should be declared null and void; all which was done within few days. However, they declar'd, "That the Peers should have the Privilege to be elected Knights, or Burgeses; of which gracious Concession some of them took the benefit soon after, and late, upon their Election into vacant places, in the House of Commons.

The Com-  
mons abolish  
the House  
of Peers.

THERE remain'd yet another provision to be made against their own Ambition; for it was well known, that there were yet amongst them many who were not equally fond of a Common wealth; and therefore they declared, "That it had been found by experience, that the Office of a King in this Nation, or to have the Power thereof in any single Person, was unnecessary, burthensom, and dangerous to the Liberty, and Safety, and Publick Interest of the Nation; and therefore that it should be utterly abolish'd; and to that purpose an Act should be forthwith prepared: which was likewise done, and passed. And by this Triple Cord they believ'd their Republick would be strongly compacted, and sufficiently provided for.

Vote against  
the Office of  
Kingship.

They make a  
new Great  
Seal.

THEIR new Great Seal was by this time ready; whereon was Engraven, on one side, the Arms of *England* and *Ireland*, with this Inscription, *The Great Seal of England*; and on the other side the Portraiture of the House of Commons Sitting, circumscribed, *In the first Year of freedom by God's blessing restor'd*, 1648. The Custody of this Great Seal was committed to three Lawyers, whereof one had fate among the King's Judges, and the others had contributed too much to their

their Service. All things being now in this good Order, they sent for their Judges, to agree upon the formality and circumstances of Proceedings. For it was declared by the Parliament, "That they were fully resolv'd to maintain, and uphold the Fundamental Laws of the Nation, in order to the preservation of the Lives, Property, and Liberty of the People, notwithstanding all the alterations made in the Government for the good of the People: and the Writs were no more to run in the King's Name, as they had alwas done, but the Name, Style, and Test, to be *Custodes Libertatis Angliæ, autoritate Parliamenti*. If it were not a thing so notoriously known, it could not be believ'd, that of twelve Judges, whereof ten were of their own making, and the other two had quietly submitted, from the beginning of the War to the Authority that govern'd, six laid down their places, and could not give themselves leave to accept Commissions from the new Establish'd Power. So aguish and fantastical a thing is the Conscience of Men who have once departed from the Rule of Conscience, in hope to be permitted to adhere to it again upon a less pressing occasion.

*Six of their own Judges give up.*

IT will be requisite, at least it may not be unfit, to rest and make a pause in this place, to take a view, with what Countenance the Kings and Princes of *Christendom* had their Eyes fix'd upon this sad and bloody Spectacle; how they look'd upon that issue of Blood, at which their own seem'd to be so prodigally poured out; with what consternation their Hearts labour'd to see the Impious Hands of the lowest and basest Subjects bathing in the Bowels, and reeking Blood of their Sovereign; a Brother King, the Anointed of the Lord, dismember'd as a Malefactor; what Combination, and Union was enter'd into, to take vengeance upon those Monsters, and to vindicate the Royal Blood thus wickedly spilt. Alas! there was scarce a murmur amongst any of them at it; but, as if they had been all called upon in the Language of the Prophet *Isaiak*, *Go, ye swift Messengers, to a Nation scattered, and peeled, to a People terrible from the beginning hitherto, to a Nation meted out, and troden down, whose Lands the Rivers have spoiled*, they made halte, and sent over, that they might get shares in the Spoils of a Murder'd Monarch.

*How some Neighbouring Princes took the King's Murder.*

CARDINAL *Mazarin*, who, in the Infancy of the *French* King, managed that Scepter, had long adored the Conduct of *Cromwell*, and sought his Friendship by a lower and viler application than was suitable to the Purple of a Cardinal, sent now to be admitted as a Merchant to traffick in the purchase of the rich Goods and Jewels of the rifled Crown, of which he purchased the rich Beds, Hangings, and Carpets, which urnish'd his Palace at *Paris*. The King of *Spain* had, from

the beginning of the Rebellion, kept *Don Alonzo de Cardinas*, who had been his Embassadour to the King, residing still at *London*, and He had, upon several occasions, many Audiences from the Parliament, and several Treaties on foot; and as soon as this dismal Murder was over, that Embassadour, who had always a great malignity towards the King, bought as many Pictures, and other precious Goods appertaining to the Crown, as, being sent in Ships to the *Corunna* in *Spain*, were carried from thence to *Madrid* upon eighteen Mules. *Christina* Queen of *Sweden* purchased the choice of all the Medals, and Jewels, and some Pictures of a great price, and receiv'd the Parliament's Agent with great Joy, and Pomp, and made an Alliance with them. The Arch-Duke *Leopold*, who was Governour of *Flanders*, disburs'd a great Sum of Money for many of the best Pictures, which adorn'd the several Palaces of the Kings; which were all brought to him to *Brussels*, and from thence carried by him into *Germany*. In this manner did the Neighbour Princes joyn to assist *Cromwell* with very great Sums of Money, whereby he was enabled to prosecute, and finish his wicked Victory over what yet remain'd unconquer'd, and to extinguish Monarchy in this renown'd Kingdom; whilst they enrich'd and adorn'd themselves with the Ruins and Spoils of the surviving Heir, without applying any part thereof to his Relief, in the greatest necessities which ever King was subject to. And that which is stranger than all this (since most Men, by recovering their Fortunes, use to recover most of what they were before robb'd of, many who joyn'd in the Robbery pretending that they took care to preserve it for the true Owner) not one of all these Princes ever restored any of their unlawful purchases to the King, after his blessed Restoration.

WHILST these perfidious wretches had their hands still reeking in the precious Blood of their Sovereign, they were put upon a new piece of Butchery, as necessary to the Establishment of their new Tyranny. The King was no sooner dead, but they declared, as hath been said, "That from this time *England* should be govern'd as a Common-wealth by the Parliament; that is, by that handful of Men, who by their Wisdom and Power had wrought this wonderful alteration. And because the number of those appear'd very small, and the number of those they had excluded was as visible, they made an Order and Declaration, "That as many of the Members who had been excluded, as would under their hands approve all that had been done during the time they were excluded, should return to their Seats in the House without any prejudice for the future. Hereupon divers went again into the House, satisfying themselves that they were not guilty



guilty of the Innocent Royal Blood that had been spilt; and so their number increased. They had made a new Great Seal, as hath been said, and called the Commissioners, who were entrusted with the keeping thereof, *The Keepers of the Liberties of England*. And the Court of King's Bench they called the *Upper Bench*, and appointed certain Persons to consider of such alterations as were necessary to be made in the Laws of *England*, in regard of so important a mutation. That they might have some obligation of Obedience from their Subjects for the future, who had broken all the former Oaths which they had taken, a new Oath was prepared and established, which they called an *Engagement*; the form whereof was, that every Man should swear, "That he would be true and faithful to the Government established without King or House of Peers: and whosoever refused to take that Engagement should be incapable of holding any Place, or Office in Church or State. The necessity of taking which Oath did not only exclude all of the Royal Party, but freed them from very many who had Offices in Church and State, who, being of the Presbyterian Party, durst not sacrifice their beloved Covenant to this new Engagement. And so they filled many considerable Places both in the one, and the other, with Men thoroughly prepared for their Service. But before they could model and finish all this, and whilst it was preparing, they had, in several parts of the Kingdom, terrified the People with Blood-Spectacles, in the executing many of the Persons who had been taken. And that all hopes and pretences might be taken away from their Subjects, the Peers of *England*, that they should hereafter have any thing to do in declaring what the fundamental Laws of the Land were, a new High Court of Justice was appointed to sit for the Trial of Duke *Hamilton*, the Earl of *Holland*, the Earl of *Norwich*, the Lord *Capel*, and another Gentleman, one *Sr John Owen* (who having been heretofore a Colonel in the King's Army, had, in a late Insurrection in *Wales*, killed the High Sheriff) that they might see there should hereafter be no more distinction of Quality in Trials for Life, but that the greatest Lord and the Commoners should undergo the same Judicatory, and form of Trial. Nor could it be thought unreasonable, that all the Creations of the Crown should be determin'd by that jurisdiction to which the Crown it self had been subjected.

*An Oath imposed called the Engagement*

*A new High Court of Justice sits; and several Trials before them.*

*DUKE Hamilton* could not well be thought other than a Prisoner of War, and so not liable to a Trial for his Life. He had attempted to make an Escape; in which he had so well succeeded, that he was out of his Enemies hands full three days; but, being impatient to be at a greater distance from them, he was apprehended as he was taking Horse in

*Duke Hamilton first Tried.*

*South-*

*Southwark*; and carried Prisoner into the Tower; from whence he was brought, with the others, before that High Court of Justice. He insisted upon "The Right and Priviledge of the Kingdom of *Scotland*; that it had not the least Dependence upon the Kingdom of *England*, but was entirely Govern'd by its own Laws: that He, being a Subject of that Kingdom, was bound to obey the Commands thereof; and the Parliament of that Kingdom, having thought it necessary to raise an Army for the relief of their King, and constituted Him General of that Army, it was not lawful for him to refuse the Command thereof; and whatever misfortune he had undergone with it, he could not be understood to be liable to any punishment but what a Prisoner of War was bound to undergo. He was told, "That the Rights and Laws of the Kingdom of *Scotland* were not called in Question, nor could be violated by Their proceedings against Him, who was a Subject of *England*; against which he was charged with Rebellion and Treason: that they did not proceed against him as Duke *Hamilton* of *Scotland*, but as Earl of *Cambridge* in *England*, and they would judge him as such. The Earl of *Holland* was not at that time in a good disposition of Health, and so Answer'd little, as a Man that would rather receive his life by their favour, than from the strength of his defence. The Earl of *Norwich* behaved himself with great submission to the Court, and with all those Addresses as were most like to reconcile his Judges to him, and to prevail over their Affections: spoke of "His being bred up in the Court, from his Cradle, in the time of Queen *Elizabeth*; of his having been a Servant to King *James* all his Reign; of his dependence upon Prince *Harry*; afterwards, upon the late King; of the obligations he had to the Crown, and of his Endeavours to serve it; and concluded as a Man that would be beholding to them if they would give him leave to live.

Then the  
Earl of  
Holland.

The Earl of  
Norwich.

The Lord  
Capel.

THE Lord *Capel* appear'd undaunted, and utterly refused to submit to their jurisdiction; "That in the condition and capacity of a Soldier and a Prisoner of War, he said, the Lawyers and Gown-men had nothing to do with him, and therefore he would not Answer to any thing which they had said against him (*Steel* having treated him with great rudeness and insolence) but insisted upon "The Law of Nations, which exempted all Prisoners, though submitting to Mercy, from death, if it was not inflicted within so many days; which were long since expired. He urged "the declaration which *Fairfax* the General had made to Him, and the rest of the Prisoners, after the death of Sr *Charles Lucas* and Sr *George Lisle*, that no other of their Lives should be

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“in danger, which he had Witnesses ready to prove, if they  
 “might be admitted; and concluded, “That, if he had com-  
 “mitted any Offence worthy of death, he might be tried by  
 “his Peers; which was his Right by the Laws of the Land;  
 “the benefit whereof he required. *Ireton*, who was present,  
 and sate as one of his Judges, denied “That the General had  
 “made any such promise, that if he had, that the Parlia-  
 “ment’s Authority could not be restrain’d thereby; and put  
 him in mind of his Carriage at that time, and how much he  
 neglected then the General’s civility. The other insisted still  
 on the promise; and urged “That the General might be sent  
 “for, and examin’d; which they knew not how to deny,  
 but, in regard of his indisposition of Health, they said “They  
 “would send to him, whilst they proceeded against *Sr John*  
 “*Owen*, who was the other Prisoner.

HE Answer’d them without any application, “That he was <sup>*Sr John*</sup>  
 “a plain Gentleman of *Wales*, who had been always taught <sup>*Owen.*</sup>  
 “to obey the King; that he had serv’d him honestly during  
 “the War, and finding afterwards that many honest Men en-  
 “deavour’d to raise Forces, whereby they might get him  
 “out of Prison, He did the like; and the High Sheriff en-  
 “deavour’d to oppose him, and so chanced to be kill’d; which  
 “he might have avoided if he had staid at home: and con-  
 cluded like a Man that did not much care what they resolv’d  
 concerning him.

WHETHER the Question was well stated to *Fairfax*, or  
 what was else said to him to dissuade him from owning his  
 Declaration and promise, he boggled so much in his Answer,  
 that they would be of opinion, “That he had not made such  
 “direct and positive promise; and that the same was never  
 “transmitted to the Parliament; which it ought to have been;  
 “and that, at most, it could but exempt those Prisoners from  
 “being tried before a Court, or council of War, and could  
 “not be understood as an obligation upon the Parliament,  
 “not to give direction to such a legal Proceeding against  
 “them, as they should find necessary for the Peace, and  
 “Safety of the Kingdom. The President *Bradshaw* told the  
 Lord *Capel*, with many insolent expressions, “That he was  
 “tried before such Judges as the Parliament thought fit to  
 “assign him; and who had judged a better Man than himself.  
 So the Sentence of death was pronounced against all five of <sup>*All five*</sup>  
 them, “That they should loose their heads; upon which <sup>*condemned.*</sup> *Sr John*  
*Owen* made a low reverence, and gave them humble thanks,  
 and being ask’d by a Stander by, “What he meant? he said  
 aloud, “It was a very great honour to a poor Gentleman of  
 “*Wales* to lose his head with such noble Lords; and swore a  
 great Oath, “That he was afraid they would have hanged him.

THE Prisoners were all carried to *St James's*; where they were to remain till their Execution two days after; which time their Friends and Relations, had to endeavour to preserve their lives by the Power and Authority of the Parliament; where there were so many sitting who had not fate in judgment upon them, and who were of several Affections, and liable to several temptations, that there might be a reasonable hope to rescue them from the cruel and unjust Judgment. Their Wives, and Children, and Friends, left no way untried to prevail; offer'd, and gave Money to some who were willing to receive it, and made promises accordingly. But they who had the greatest credit, and most power to terrify others who should displease them, were inexorable; yet dealt so much more honestly than the rest, that they declared to the Ladies, who solicited for their Husbands and their Fathers, "That they would not endeavour to do them Service. *Ireton*, above all Men, continued his insolent and dogged humour, and told them, "If He had credit, they should all dye. Others, who gave better Words, had no better Meaning than he.

ALL their Petitions were read in order, being penn'd in such Styles as the Friends, who solicited for them, were advised. Duke *Hamilton's* Petition being read, many, upon the motives of Justice, and as they imagined his death, might be the occasion of new Troubles between the two Nations, since *Scotland* could not but resent it, would have been willing he should live. But he had fewer Friends to his Person than any of the rest; and *Cromwell* knew well that his being out of the way would not be unacceptable to them upon whom the Peace of that Kingdom depended: so that when his Petition was read, it was rejected by very much the Major part of Voices. The consideration of the Earl of *Holland* took up a long Debate: the Interest and Interposition of the Earl of *Warwick*, his Brother, was apply'd; and every Presbyterian, to a Man, was solicitous to preserve him. They urged, "His merit towards the Parliament in the beginning of the Troubles; how much he had suffer'd in the Court for his Affection to them: his Age, and Infirmities, which would not suffer him long to enjoy that Life they should give him: "and the consideration of his Wife, and Children, which "were numerous. But these Arguments stirr'd up others, to inveigh against his backslidings with the more bitterness, and to undervalue the Services he had ever done; to tax his Vanities, and his breach of Faith. When the Question was put concerning him, they who were for the Negative, exceeded the number of the other by three or four Votes; *Cromwell* having more than an ordinary Animosity against him, for his behaviour

behaviour in the beginning of the Summer, and for some words of neglect and contempt he had let fall concerning himself. The Earl of *Norwich* came next upon the Stage: who having always liv'd a chearful and jovial Life, without contracting many Enemies, had many there who wish'd him well, and few who had Animosity against him; so that when the Question was put concerning him, the House was equally divided, the Votes which rejected his Petition, and those which would preserve his Life, were equal: so that his Life or Death depended upon the single Vote of the Speaker; who told the House, "That he had receiv'd many obligations from that Lord; and that once when he had been like to have incur'd the King's displeasure, by some misinformation, which would have been very penal to him, the Lord *Goring* (under which style he was treated, the additional of *Norwich* not being allow'd by them upon their old Rule) "Had by his Credit preserv'd him, and remov'd the Prejudice that was against him, and therefore he was oblig'd in gratitude to give his Vote for the saving him. By this good fortune he came to be preserv'd; whether the ground of it were true or no, or whether the Speaker made it only as an excuse for saving any Man's Life who was put to ask it in that place.

THE Lord *Capel*, shortly after he was brought Prisoner to the Tower from *Windsor* Castle, had by a wonderful adventure, having a Cord and all things necessary convey'd to him, let himself down out of the Window of his Chamber in the Night, over the Wall of the Tower; and had been directed through what part of the Ditch he might be best able to wade. Whether he found the right place, or whether there was no safer place, he found the Water and the Mud so deep, that, if he had not been by the head taller than other Men, he must have perished, since the Water came up to his Chin. The way was so long to the other side, and the fatigue of drawing himself out of so much Mud so intolerable, that his Spirits were near spent, and he was once ready to call out for help, as thinking it better to be carried back again to the Prison, than to be found in such a place, from whence he could not extricate himself, and where he was ready to expire. But it pleas'd God, that he got at last to the other side; where his Friends expected him, and carried him to a Chamber in the Temple; where he remain'd two or three Nights secure from any discovery, notwithstanding the diligence that could not but be used to recover a Man they design'd to use no better. After two or three days a Friend whom he trusted much, and who deserv'd to be trusted, conceiving that he might be more secure in a place to which there

there was less resort, and where there were so many harbour'd who were every day sought after, had provided a Lodging for him in a private House in *Lambeth* Marsh; and calling upon him, in an Evening, when it was dark, to go thither, they chose rather to take any Boat they found ready at the Temple Stairs, than to trust one of that People with the secret; and it was so late that there was one only Boat left there. In that the Lord *Capel* (as well disguis'd as he thought necessary) and his Friend, put themselves, and bid the Water-man to row them to *Lambeth*. Whether, in their passage thither, the other Gentleman call'd him *my Lord*, as was confidently reported, or whether the Water-man had any jealousy by observing what he thought was a disguise, when they were landed, the wicked Water-man, undiscern'd, follow'd them, till he saw into what House they went; and then went to an Officer, and demanded, "What he would give him to bring him to the place where the Lord *Capel* lay? And the Officer promising to give him ten pounds, he led him presently to the House, where that excellent Person was seised upon, and the next day carried to the Tower.

WHEN the Petition, that his Wife had deliver'd, was read, many Gentlemen spoke on his behalf; and mention'd the great Virtues which were in him; and "That he had never deceiv'd them, or pretended to be of their Party; but "always resolutely declar'd himself for the King: and *Cromwell*, who had known him very well, spoke so much good of him, and profess'd to have so much kindness and respect for him, that all Men thought he was now safe, when he concluded, "That his Affection to the Publick so much weigh'd down his private Friendship, that he could not but "tell them, that the Question was now, whether they would "preserve the most bitter and most implacable Enemy they "had: that he knew the Lord *Capel* very well, and knew "that he would be the last Man in *England* that would forsake the Royal Interest; that he had great Courage, Industry, and Generosity; that he had many Friends who would "always adhere to him; and that as long as he liv'd, what "condition soever he was in, he would be a thorn in their "sides; and therefore, for the good of the Common-wealth, "he should give his Vote against the Petition. *Iretom's* Hatred was Immortal: he spake of him, and against him, as of a Man of whom he was heartily afraid. Very many were sway'd by the Argument that had been urg'd against Duke *Hamilton*, "That God was not pleas'd that he should Escape, "because He had put him into their hands again, when he "was at liberty. And so, after a long Debate, though there was not a Man who had not a value for him, and very few who

who had a particular Malice, or Prejudice towards him, the Question being put, the Negative was more by three or four Voices: so that, of the four Lords, three were without the Mercy of that Unmerciful People. There being no other Petition presented, *Ireton* told them, "There had been great Endeavours and Sollicitation us'd to save all those Lords; but that there was a Commoner, another condemn'd Person, for whom no one Man had spoke a word, nor had he himself so much as Petition'd them; and therefore he desired, that *Sr John Owen*, might be preserv'd by the meer Motive, and goodness of the House it self; which found little opposition; whether they were satiated with Blood, or that they were willing, by this Instance, that the Nobility should see that a Commoner should be preferr'd before them.

A SCAFFOLD was erected before *Westminster Hall*, and all the Prisoners condemn'd were brought from *Sr James's* (as well the two who were repriv'd, as the three who were to suffer) upon the ninth of *March*, that was at the end of the year 1648, a little more than a Month after the Murder of the King, to *Sr Thomas Cotton's* House, at the upper end of *Westminster Hall*; where they were suffer'd to repose themselves about the space of an hour, and then were led successively through the Hall to the Scaffold, *Duke Hamilton* being first; who seem'd yet to have some hope of a Reprieve, and made some stay in the Hall, till the Earl of *Denbigh* came to him; and, after a short whisper, in which he found there was no hope, he ascended the Scaffold. He complain'd much of "The injustice that was done him; and that he was put to death for obeying the Laws of his Country; which if he had not done, he must have been put to death there. He acknowledged the Obligations he had to the King, and seem'd not sorry for the gratitude he had expressed, how dear soever it cost him. His natural darkness, and reservation in his discourse, made him to be thought a Wise man, and his having been in Command under the King of *Sweden*, and his continual discourses of Battles, and Fortifications, made him be thought a great Soldier. And both these mistakes were the Cause that made him be looked upon as a worse and a more dangerous Man, than in truth he deserv'd to be.

*Duke Hamilton beheaded March 9.*

THE Earl of *Holland* was brought next, who, by his long sickness, was so spent, that his Spirits serv'd not to entertain the People with long discourse. He spoke of "His Religion, as a matter unquestionable, by the Education he had had in the Religious Family of which he was a branch: which was thought a strange discourse for a dying Man, who, though a Son, knew enough of the iniquity of his Father's House, which should rather have been buried in silence, than,

*The Earl of Holland the same day.*

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by such an unseasonable Testimony, have been revived in the memory and discourse of Men. He took more care to be thought a good friend to Parliaments, than a good Servant to his Master, and was thought to say too little of his having failed so much in his Duty to him, which most good Men believ'd to be the Source from whence his present calamity sprung. He was a very well bred Man, and a fine Gentleman in good times; but too much desired to enjoy ease and plenty, when the King could have neither; and did think Poverty the most insupportable evil that could befall any Man in this world. He was then so weak that he could not have liv'd long; and when his head was cut off, very little blood follow'd.

The Lord  
Capel,

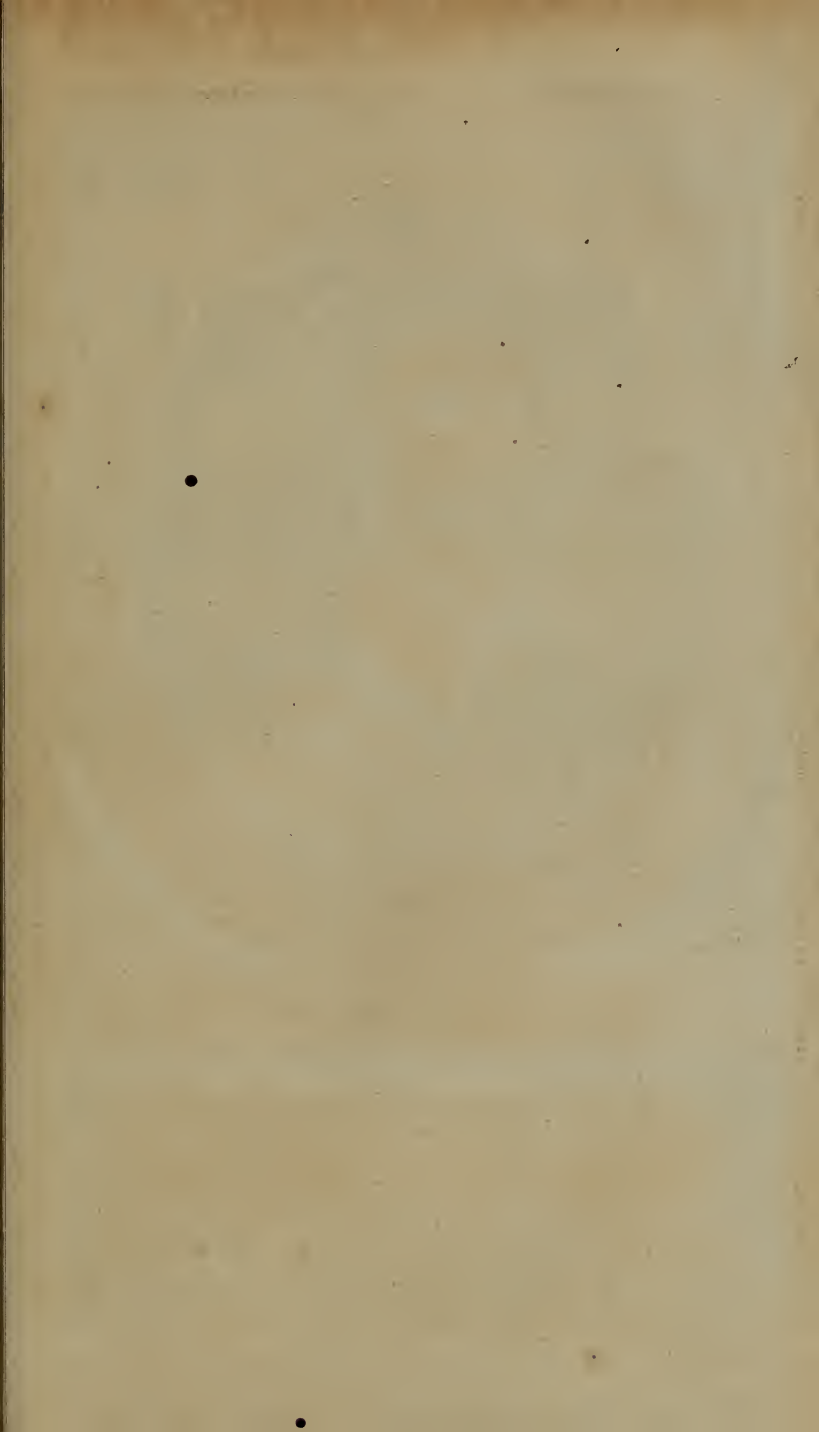
THE Lord *Capel* was then called; who walked through *Westminster* Hall, saluting such of his Friends and Acquaintance as he saw there, with a very serene Countenance, accompanied with his Friend Dr *Morley*; who had been with him from the time of his Sentence, but at the foot of the Scaffold, the Soldiers stopping the Dr, his Lordship took his leave of him; and, embracing him, thanked him; and said, he should go no farther, having some apprehension that he might receive some affront by that rude People after his death; the Chaplains who attended the two other Lords, being Men of the time, and the Dr being well known to be most contrary.

AS SOON as his Lordship had ascended the *Scaffold*, he looked very vigorously about, and asked, "Whether the other Lords had spoken to the People with their Hats on? and being told, that "They were bare? he gave his Hat to his Servant, and then with a clear and a strong voice, he said, "That he was brought thither to dye for doing that which he "could not repent of: that he had been born, and bred under the Government of a King whom he was bound in Conscience to obey; under Laws, to which he had been always obedient; and in the bosom of a Church, which he thought the best in the world: that he had never violated his Faith to either of those, and was now condemn'd to dye against all the Laws of the Land; to which Sentence he did submit.

HE enlarged himself in commending "The great Virtue and Piety of the King, whom they had put to death; who "was so just and so merciful a Prince; and prayed to God, "to forgive the Nation that innocent Blood. Then he recommended to them the present King, who, he told them, "was their true and their Lawful Sovereign; and was worthy "to be so: that he had the honour to have been some years "near his Person, and therefore he could not but know him "well; and assured them, "That he was a Prince of great un-

derstanding,







Arthur Lord Capel.

*From an Original painting.*

“derstanding, of an excellent Nature, of great Courage, an  
 “entire Lover of Justice, and of exemplary Piety: that he  
 “was not to be shaken in his Religion; and had all those  
 “Princely Virtues, which could make a Nation happy; and  
 “therefore advised them “To submit to his Government, as  
 “the only means to preserve themselves, their posterity, and  
 “the Protestant Religion. And having, with great vehemence,  
 recommended it to them, after some prayers very devoutly  
 pronounced upon his Knees, he submitted himself, with an  
 unparallell’d Christian Courage, to the fatal stroke, which de-  
 priv’d the Nation of the Noblest Champion it had.

HE was a Man in whom the Malice of his Enemies could  
 discover very few faults, and whom his Friends could not wish  
 better accomplished; whom *Cromwell’s* own Character well  
 described; and who indeed could never have been contented  
 to have liv’d under that Government. His Memory all Men  
 loved and revered, though few follow’d his Example. He  
 had always liv’d in a State of great plenty and general estima-  
 tion, having a very noble Fortune of his own by descent, and  
 a fair Addition to it by his Marriage with an excellent Wife,  
 a Lady of very worthy Extraction, of great Virtue and Beauty;  
 by whom he had a numerous Issue of both Sexes, in which  
 he took great Joy and Comfort: so that no Man was more  
 happy in all his Domestick Affairs; and he was so much the  
 more happy, in that he thought himself most blessed in them.

AND yet the King’s Honour was no sooner violated, and  
 his just Power invaded, than he threw all those blessings be-  
 hind him; and having no other obligations to the Crown,  
 than those which his own Honour and Conscience suggested to  
 him, he frankly engaged his Person and his Fortune from the  
 beginning of the Troubles, as many others did, in all Acti-  
 ons and Enterprises of the greatest hazard and danger; and  
 continued to the end, without ever making one false step, as  
 few others did, though he had once, by the iniquity of a Fa-  
 ction, that then prevailed, an indignity put upon him that  
 might have excused him for some remission of his former  
 warmth. But it made no other impression upon him, than  
 to be quiet and contented, whilst they would let him alone,  
 and with the same cheerfulness to obey the first Summons  
 when he was called out; which was quickly after. In a word,  
 he was a Man, that whoever shall, after Him, deserve best of  
 the *English* Nation, he can never think himself undervalued,  
 when he shall hear, that his Courage, Virtue, and Fidelity, is  
 laid in the Ballance with, and compared to that of the Lord  
*Capel*.

So ended the Year One thousand six hundred forty eight; *The Conclu-*  
 a Year of Reproach and Infamy above all Years which had *sion and Cha-*  
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 passed *year 1648.*

passed before it; a Year of the highest dissimulation and hypocrisy, of the deepest Villany and most bloody Treasons, that any Nation was ever cursed with, or under: a Year, in which the Memory of all the Transactions ought to be rased out of all Records, lest, by the success of it, Atheism, Infidelity, and Rebellion, should be propagated in the world: a Year, of which We may say, as the Historian said of the time of *Domitian*, *Sicut vetus ætas vidit, quid ultimum in libertate esset, ita nos quid in servitute*; or, as the same Writer says of a time not altogether so wicked, *Is habitus animorum fuit, ut pessimum facinus auderent pauci, plures vellent, omnes paterentur.*

THE END OF THE ELEVENTH BOOK.

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T H E  
History of the Rebellion, &c.  
B O O K XII.

2 Chron. XXVIII. 10.

*And now ye purpose to keep under the Children of Judah and Jerusalem for bond-men and bond-women unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, Sins against the Lord your God?*

Isai. XXIX. 10.

*For the Lord hath poured out upon you the Spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the Prophets and your Rulers, the Seers hath he covered.*



**W**HILST these Tragedies were acting in England, and Ordinances form'd, as hath been said, to make it Penal in the highest degree for any Man to assume the Title of King, or to acknowledge any Man to be so, the King himself remain'd in a very disconsolate Condition at the *Hague*. Though he had known the desperate state his Father was long in, yet the barbarous stroke so surpris'd him, that he was in all the Confusion imaginable, and all about him were almost bereft of their understanding. The truth is, it can hardly be conceiv'd, with what a consternation this terrible News was receiv'd by all, even by the Common People of that Country. There was a Woman at the *Hague*, of the midling Rank, who, being with Child, with the Horror of the mention of it, fell into Travel, and in it died. There could not be more Evidence of a general detestation, than there was, amongst all Men of what Quality

The young King's condition at the Hague.

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The States  
condole with  
him.

soever. Within two or three days, which they gave to the King's recollection, the States presented themselves in a Body to his Majesty, to condole with him for the Murder of his Father, in terms of great Sorrow, save that there was not bitterness enough against the Rebels and Murderers. The States of *Holland*, apart, perform'd the same Civility towards his Majesty; and the Body of the Clergy, in a Latin Oration, deliver'd by the Chief Preacher of the *Hague*, lamented the Misfortune, in terms of as much asperity, and detestation of the Actors, as unworthy the name of Christians, as could be expressed.

The new  
Council  
sworn.

THE desperateness of the King's Condition, could not excuse his sinking under the Burthen of his Grief: but those who were about him besought him to resume so much Courage as was necessary for his present State. He thereupon caused those of his Father's Council who had attended him, to be sworn of his Privy Council, adding only Mr *Long* his Secretary; who, before, was not of the Council. All which was done before he heard from the Queen his Mother; who, notwithstanding the great Agony she was in, which without doubt was as great a passion of Sorrow as she was able to sustain, wrote to the King, "That he could not do better, than to repair into *France* as soon as was possible, and, in the mean time, desired him, not to swear any Persons to be of his Council, till She could speak with him. Whether it was, that she did not think those Persons to be enough at her Devotion; or that she would have them receive that Honour upon her recommendation.

The Queen's  
first Message  
to him.

THE King himself had no mind to go into *France*, where he thought he had not been treated with excess of Courtesy; and he resolv'd to perform all Filial respect towards the Queen, his Mother, without such a condescension and resignation of himself, as she expected; and to avoid all Eclaircissements upon that Subject, he heartily desired that any other Course might be found more Counsellable than that he should go into *France*. He himself lived with, and upon the Prince of *Orange*; who supplied him with all things necessary for his own Person, for his Mourning, and the like: but towards any other support for himself and his Family, his Majesty had not enough to maintain them one day: and there were very few of them who could maintain themselves in the most private way: and it was visible enough, that they should not be long able to reside in the *Hague*; where there was, at that very time, an Agent for the Parliament, *Strickland*; who had been there some years, but pretended then to reside there with his Wife (who was born in *Holland* of *English* Parents) and without any publick Character, though he was still under the

same

same Credentials. And their Advertisements from *London* assured them, that the Parliament had nominated one, who was presently to be sent as their Embassadour, or Envoy to the States, to give them an Account of their Affairs, and to invite them to enter into an Alliance with them. So that it was time to think of some other Retreat for the King; and none appear'd then so seasonable in their view, as *Ireland*; from whence they heard, "That Prince *Rupert* was arriv'd safely at *Kingsale* with the Fleet: that the Lord *Inchiquin* had made a Cessation with the *Irish*, before the Lord Lieutenant came thither; and the *Irish* had deserted the Pope's Nuntio, who was driven away, and had Embarked himself for *France*: that the Marquis of *Ormond* was receiv'd by the Lord *Inchiquin* with all the Obedience imaginable, by which he became entirely possess'd of the whole Province of *Munster*; and that the Confederate Roman Catholicks had invited him to *Kilkenny*; where he had made a full Peace with them: so that they were preparing an Army to march under his Command against *Dublin*. This News made them hope, that every day would improve it so much, that it would be fit for the King to Transport his own Person thither in the Spring.

*The King thinks of going into Ireland. The Affairs there at that time.*

IN this conjuncture there arriv'd a Gentleman, one *Sr Joseph Douglass*, with a Letter from the Privy Council of *Scotland*, by which they sent his Majesty word that they had proclaim'd him King of *Scotland*; and sent him the Proclamation; and wish'd "That he would prepare himself to repair into that his Kingdom; in order to which they would speedily send another Invitation to him. And that Invitation arriv'd at the same time with some Commissioners deputed by the Council, and three or four Preachers sent from the Commissioners of the Kirk. The Proclamation indeed declar'd, "For that as much as the late King was, contrary to the Dissent and Protestation of that Kingdom, remov'd by a violent death, that, by the Lord's Blessing, there was left unto them a righteous Heir, and lawful Successor, *Charles*, &c. who was become their true and lawful King; but upon condition of "His good behaviour, and strict observation of the Covenant, and his entertaining no other Persons about him but such as were Godly Men, and faithful to that obligation. A Proclamation so strangely worded, that, though it call'd him their King, manifested enough to him, that he was to be subject to Their determinations, in all the parts of his Government. And the Commissioners, both Laity and Clergy, spoke no other Language; and saving that they bowed their Bodies, and made low Reverences, they appear'd more like Embassadors

*The King proclaim'd in Scotland; and Commissioners thence sent to him.*

Lanrick,  
now Duke  
Hamilton,  
and Lau-  
therdale,  
came to him  
also.

from a free State to an equal Ally, than like Subjects sent to their own Sovereign. At the same time, though not in the same Ship, arriv'd likewise from *Scotland* the Earl of *Lanrick*, and Earl of *Lautberdale*; the former not knowing, till he came into *Holland*, that he was Duke *Hamilton* by the slaughter of his Elder Brother. But they two were so far from having any Authority from their Country, that they were fled from thence as proscrib'd Persons and Malefactors. The Earl of *Lautberdale*, after his departure from the *Hague*, in that discontent that is mention'd before, bent his course for *Scotland*. But before he came thither, he was inform'd, that the state of all things had been revers'd, and the Engagement declar'd unlawful, and to what penalties himself was liable, if he should be taken. Whereupon, without suffering his Ship to go into any Port, he found means to send on shore to some Friends, and so to concert all things, that without being discover'd, the Earl of *Lanrick*, and some other Persons, liable to danger if they were found, put themselves on board the same Ship, and arriv'd in *Holland* about that time when the other Messengers from the State and from the Kirk came from *Scotland*, and when the News came of the Execution of Duke *Hamilton*.

The Chara-  
cter of this  
Duke Ha-  
milton.

WHEREUPON the new Duke kept his Chamber for some days, without so much as waiting on the King; who sent a gracious Message to him to condole for the loss of his Brother; and all the Lords, and other Persons of Quality about the King, made their visits to him with all civility. This Duke was not inferior in Wisdom, and Parts of Understanding, to the wisest Man of that Nation, and was very much esteem'd by those who did not like the complying, and insinuating Nature of his Brother. He was a Man of great Honour, Courage, and sincerity in his Nature, and, which was a rare virtue in the Men of that time, was still the same Man he pretended to be; and had very much to say in his own defence for the Errors he had run into; which he acknowledg'd always with great ingenuity, and abhorr'd the whole proceedings of his Country-men; and, at this time, brought a heart, and affection clearer and less clogg'd with scruples and reservations for the King's service, than any other of them did.

The condi-  
tion of Scot-  
land about  
this time.

THOUGH *Cromwell*, at his being in *Scotland*, had left *Argyle* in full Possession of the Government there, and had reduced, and disbanded all those who were in Arms against him, and promised him all necessary assistance to subdue those who should rise against him in that Kingdom for the future, and thereby compell'd the Committee of Estates to convene, and summon the Parliament to Assemble, which they had authority to do; and so he had suppress'd the Party of *Hamilton*, driven



driven the Earl of *Lanrick* to hide himself in some obscure place, and condemn'd the Engagement as unlawful and sinful, and all the Persons who advanced and promoted it, as Deserters of the Covenant, and so to stand Excommunicated, and not to be capable of serving in Parliament, or in the Council of Estate; so that he was sure to find no opposition in whatsoever he propos'd; yet, after the Parliament had serv'd him so far, when they heard that the Parliament in *England* was broken, and their Freedom and Priviledges were taken from them by the insolence, and power of the Army (which they perfectly hated and detested, and all those Sects and Libertinism they heard were introduc'd in Religion contrary to their Covenant, which *Cromwell* himself had promis'd should be strictly observ'd) they begun to examine, what the obligations were which were incumbent upon them even by the Covenant it self. The delivery of the King's Person into the hands of the Parliament at *New-Castle* had been, in the instant it was done, the most unpopular and ungracious act to the whole Nation of *Scotland*, that it had been ever guilty of, and to the Army they had then on foot, which took it self to be deeply wounded by the infamy of it, and was therefore quickly disbanded by the cunning of *Argyle*: and the universal indignation against that Action was the principal incitement to that general Engagement with Duke *Hamilton*, that the honour of the Nation might in some degree be repair'd, or redeem'd. It was a gross oversight in the *Hamiltonian* Party, and discern'd then to be so by the Earl of *Lanrick*, that, upon that Popular advantage, in which he would have found an universal concurrence, *Argyle* himself and all his Faction had not been totally suppress'd, for the redemption of the honour of their Country. But that Duke's Politicks did not lie that way; and so he might return to his old Post of favour in *England*, of which he made little doubt, he was not willing to give a new beginning to those bloody Enterprises in *Scotland*, which, he knew well, used not to be short-liv'd in that Climate after once begun, but had always fresh Sacrifices of Blood to perpetuate the memory of them.

THEY had no sooner heard of the erection of a High Court of Justice, and of a purpose of Trying the King for his Life, than, notwithstanding all the Artifices *Argyle* could use, they were all in a flame. As well the Assembly of the Kirk, as the Parliament, renew'd the sense they always had of reproach in the delivery of his Person, of which the present danger he was in, was the Consequence. And the Marquis of *Argyle* had had too deep a share in that Wickedness, to endure the shock of a new dispute, and inquisition upon that Subject; and therefore gave not the least opposition to their passion; but seem'd

*Commissioners had been sent from the Parliament of Scotland before the death of the King to the Parliament of England.*

equally concern'd in the honour of the Nation, to prosecute an high Expostulation with those of *England*, for the breach of Faith, and the Promises, which had been made for the safety, and preservation of the King's Person, at the time he was deliver'd up; and therefore propos'd, "That Commissioners should be forthwith sent to the Parliament at *London*, to require the performance of what they had promised, and to enter their dissent, and protestation against all their Proceedings against their King, in the Name of the Kingdom of *Scotland*. And the Earl of *Lothian*, and two others, who were known to be most zealous for the Covenant, and most enrag'd and incens'd against the proceedings of the Army, were made choice of, and presently sent away, that they might make all possible haste to *Westminster*, and were, immediately upon their Arrival, to demand permission to wait upon the King, wherever he should be, and to receive from him such farther directions, as he should judge necessary for his service.

THUS far *Argyle* could not oppose; and therefore was as zealous as any Man to advance it; knowing that the particular Instructions must be prepar'd by a less number of Men, and not subjected to the examination and perusal of so many. And in those, he was sure to prevent any inconvenient Powers to be granted to the Commissioners, with whom he had Credit enough, having made the Earl of *Lothian* Secretary of State, in the place of the Earl of *Lanrick*, and the other two being (however solicitous for the due observation of the Covenant, as he himself likewise pretended to be) known to be most averse from the *Hamiltonian* Party. Their private Instructions were, "That they should not, in their enlargements and aggravations upon the Subject of their Message, seem to take notice, or to imply, that any violence had been us'd against the Parliament, or any Member of it: That they should be so short in their expostulations, that they gave no occasions of offence: That nothing should fall from them justifying the King's Proceedings, nor in approbation of the late Engagement, or which might import a breach, or give, or be ground of a new War: They should urge, that the Parliament, would delay to meddle with the King's Person, according to their several Promises, and Declarations at *New-Castle*, and at *Holmby*: That if they should proceed to Sentence against the King, then they were to enter their dissent and protest, that this Kingdom may be free from the Miseries which will inevitably follow, without offering in their reasons, that Princes are exempted from Trial and Justice: That none in the Parliament of *Scotland* hath, or had any hand in the proceedings against the King, or Members of  
"Parliament

Their private Instructions from *Argyle's* Party.

“Parliament in *England*. If they proceed, then to shew the  
 “Calamities that will follow, and how grievous it must be to  
 “the Kingdom of *Scotland*, considering his being deliver’d up  
 “at *New-Castle*: That if the Papers which were intitl’d, *The*  
 “*Agreement of the People*, appear’d to be countenanced, and  
 “should import any thing concerning the Proceſſing of the  
 “Prince, or changing the Fundamental Government of the  
 “Kingdom, they should enter their dissent: That they should  
 “alter those their Instructions, and manage their Trust there-  
 “in, according to the advice they should receive from their  
 “Friends there: That they should prosecute their Instructions  
 “concerning the Covenant, and against any Toleration: That  
 “they should shew, that the King’s last Concessions were un-  
 “satisfactory to those Propositions which they had made in  
 “point of Religion.

THESE were their private Instructions; and who those  
 Friends at *London* were, by whose advice they were to alter  
 their Instructions, or manage their Trust therein, can be un-  
 derstood of no other Men but *Cromwell*, and young *Sr Harry*  
*Vane*; with whom *Argyle* held close Correspondence. The  
 Commissioners observ’d their Instructions very faithfully, and  
 after the King had been twice brought before the High Court  
 of Justice, they gave in their very calm Protestation; in which  
 they put them in mind, “That they had near three Weeks  
 “before, represented to them what Endeavours had been us’d  
 “for taking away the King’s Life, and for the change of the  
 “Fundamental Government of the Kingdom, and introducing  
 “a sinful and ungodly Toleration in matters of Religion; and  
 “that therein they had express’d their Thoughts, and Fears of  
 “the dangerous Consequences, that might follow thereupon;  
 “and that they had also earnestly press’d, that there might be  
 “no farther proceeding against his Majesty’s Person, which  
 “would certainly continue the great distractions of the King-  
 “dom, and involve them in many Evils, Troubles, and Con-  
 “fusions; but that, by the free Counsels of both Houses of  
 “Parliament of *England*, and with the advice and consent of  
 “the Parliament of *Scotland*, such course might be taken in  
 “relation to the King, as might be for the good and happi-  
 “ness of both Kingdoms; both having an unquestionable,  
 “and undeniable right in his Person, as King of both; which  
 “duly consider’d, they had reason to hope, that it would have  
 “given a stop to all farther proceedings against his Majesty’s  
 “Person. But now understanding that after the Imprisonment,  
 “and Exclusion of divers Members of the House of Com-  
 “mons, and without, and against the consent of the House of  
 “Peers, by a single Act of their own, and Their’s alone,  
 “Power was given to certain Persons of their own Members,  
 “of

Upon the  
 King’s Tri-  
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 Dissent.

“ of the Army, and some others, to proceed against his Ma-  
 “ jesty’s Person, in order whereunto he had been brought be-  
 “ fore that extraordinary new Court; they did therefore in  
 “ the name of the Parliament of *Scotland*, for their vindica-  
 “ tion from false Aspersions and Calumnies, declare, that though  
 “ they were not satisfied with his Majesty’s late Concessions,  
 “ in the Treaty at *Newport* in the Isle of *Wight*, especially in  
 “ the matters of Religion, and were resolv’d not to crave his  
 “ Restoration to his Government, before satisfaction should  
 “ be given by him to that Kingdom; yet they did all unani-  
 “ mously with one voice, not one Member excepted, disclaim  
 “ the least knowledge of, or occasion to the late Proceedings  
 “ of the Army here against the King; and did sincerely pro-  
 “ fess that it would be a great grief to their Hearts, and lie  
 “ heavy upon their Spirits, if they should see the trusting his  
 “ Majesty’s Person to the two Houses of the Parliament of  
 “ *England* to be made use of to his Ruin, contrary to the de-  
 “ clar’d Intentions of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and solemn  
 “ Professions of the Kingdom of *England*: And to the end that  
 “ it might be manifest to the World, how much they did  
 “ abominate and detest so horrid a design against his Maje-  
 “ sty’s Person, they did, in the Name of the Parliament and  
 “ Kingdom of *Scotland*, declare their dissent from the said  
 “ Proceedings, and the taking away of his Majesty’s Life: pro-  
 “ testing, that as they were altogether free from the same, so  
 “ they might be free from all the Miseries, evil Consequences,  
 “ and Calamities, that might follow thereupon to the distracted  
 “ Kingdoms.

WHOEVER considers the wariness in the wording and  
 timing this Protestation, the best end whereof could be no  
 other than the keeping the King always in Prison, and so go-  
 verning without him in both Kingdoms (which was thought  
 to have been the purpose and agreement of *Cromwell* and  
*Argyle* when they parted) must conclude that both the Com-  
 missioners, and they who sent them, labour’d and consider’d  
 more, what they were to say in the future, than what they  
 were to do to prevent the present Mischief they seem’d to  
 apprehend. And the Parliament best knew their temper,  
 when they deferr’d taking notice of their Protestation, till af-  
 ter they had executed their execrable Villany; and then  
 they sent them an Answer that might suit with all their Pa-  
 lates. They said, “ They had heretofore told them, what power  
 “ this Nation had in the Fundamentals of Government: That  
 “ if *Scotland* had not the same Power and Liberty, as they  
 “ went not about to confine Them, so they would not be  
 “ limited by them, but leaving them to act in Theirs as they  
 “ should see cause, they resolv’d to maintain their own Li-  
 “ berties

The Parlia-  
 ment after  
 the King’s  
 Murder send  
 their Answer  
 to it.

"berties as God should enable them. And as they were very  
 "far from imposing upon them, so they should not willingly  
 "suffer impositions from them, whilst God gave them strength  
 "or lives to oppose them. They said, "the Answer they  
 "made to their first and second Letter was, that after a long and  
 "serious Deliberation of their own intrinſical Power, and Trust  
 "(deriv'd to them by the Providence of God, through the  
 "delegation of the People) and upon the like conſiderations  
 "of what themselves, and the whole Nation had suffer'd from  
 "the Miſgovernment, and Tyranny of that King, both in  
 "Peace, and by the Wars, and conſidering, how fruitless,  
 "and full of danger and prejudice the many Addreſſes to him  
 "for Peace had been, and being Conſcious how much they  
 "had provoked and tempted God, by the neglect of the im-  
 "partial execution of Juſtice, in relation to the innocent  
 "Blood ſpilt and miſchief done in the late Wars, they had  
 "proceeded in ſuch a courſe of Juſtice againſt that Man of  
 "Blood, as they doubted not the juſt God (who is no re-  
 "ſpecter of Perſons) did approve and would countenance  
 "with his bleſſings upon the Nation; and though perhaps  
 "they might meet with many difficulties before their Liber-  
 "ties and Peace were ſettled, yet they hoped they ſhould be  
 "preſerv'd from Confuſion, by the good Will of him who  
 "dwelt in the Buſh, which burn'd, and was not conſumed;  
 "and that the courſe they had taken with the late King, and  
 "meant to follow towards others the Capital Enemies of their  
 "Peace, was, they hoped, that which would be for the good  
 "and happineſs of both Nations; of which if that of *Scotland*  
 "would think to make uſe, and vindicate their own Liberty  
 "and Freedom (which lay before them, if they gave them  
 "not away) they would be ready to give them all Neigh-  
 "bourly and Friendly Aſſiſtance in the eſtabliſhing thereof;  
 "and deſired them to take it into their moſt ſerious conſide-  
 "ration, before they eſpouſed that quarrel, which could bring  
 "them no other advantage than the entailing upon Them,  
 "and their Poſterities, a laſting War, with all the Miſeries  
 "which attended it, and Slavery under a Tyrant and his  
 "Iſſue.

IT cannot be denied, but that *Scotland* had by this a fair  
 invitation to have made themselves a poor Republick, under  
 the Shelter and Protection of the other, that was already be-  
 come terrible. But the Commiſſioners, who well knew how  
 unſuitable ſuch a change would be to the conſtitution of their  
 Government, and that they might be welcome to their own  
 Country, whither they were now to repair, made a reply to  
 his Answer with more Courage than they had yet expreſſed;  
 for which notwithstanding their Qualification, they were Im-  
 priſon'd

*The Commiſ-  
 ſioners reply,  
 and are im-  
 priſon'd, but  
 afterwards  
 freed.*

prison'd by the Parliament; and, upon new Instance from *Scotland*, set at liberty afterwards.

The Marquis of Argyle clogs the Act for Proclaiming of the King with a Clause for the Covenant.

MATTERS being reduced to this State, the Marquis of *Argyle* could not hinder the new King's being acknowledged, and proclaimed King, nor from being invited home; which since he could not obstruct, it would be his Matter-piece to clog the Proclamation it self with such conditions as might terrify the new King from accepting the invitation; and therefore he caused this Clause to be inserted in the Body of the Proclamation it self, "Because his Majesty is bound, by the "Law of God, and the fundamental Laws of this Kingdom, "to rule in Righteousness and Equity, to the Honour of God, "and the good of Religion, and the Wealth of the People; "it is hereby declared, that before he be admitted to the Exercise of his Royal Power, he shall give satisfaction to this "Kingdom in those things which concern the security of Religion, the Unity betwixt the Kingdoms, and the good and "Peace of this Kingdom, according to the National Covenant "and Solemn League and Covenant; for which end, they were "resolv'd with all possible Expedition, to make their humble "and earnest Address to his Majesty.

Middleton assembles some Troops in Scotland.

THIS was the Proclamation that *Sr Joseph Douglass* brought to the *Hague*, and the Subject upon which the Commissioners were to invite his Majesty to go for *Scotland*, whose Instructions were very suitable to the Proclamation: and at the same time when the Commissioners came from thence, *Middleton*, and some other Officers, who had been in their last Army, hearing that the Prince was proclaim'd King, thought it was seasonable to put themselves into a posture to serve him upon his arrival; and so assembled some of those Troops which had formerly serv'd under them in the North of *Scotland*; whereupon *David Lesley* was appointed forthwith, with a Party of Horse and Foot, against those Royalists, whom they knew to be real Assertors of his Cause, without any other interest or design than of their performing their Duties, as Loyal Subjects ought to do: and the Kirk at the same time declar'd, "That, before the King should be receiv'd, albeit "they had declared his Right by Succession, he should first "sign the Covenant, submit to the Kirk's Censure, renounce "the Sins of his Father's House, and the Iniquity of his Mother, with other things of the like Nature. All which Information arriv'd at the same time with the Commissioners, that they who were about the King, might not be too much Exalted with their Master's being declar'd King of one of his three Kingdoms. And it was very manifest, by all that pass'd then and afterwards, that the Marquis of *Argyle* meant only to satisfy the People, in declaring that they had a King, without

out which they could not be satisfied, but that such conditions should be put upon him, as he knew, he would not submit to; and so he should be able, with the concurrence of the *Kirk*, to Govern the Kingdom, till, by *Cromwell's* assistance and advice, he might reverse that little approach he had made towards Monarchy by Proclaiming a King.

IT was a great Misfortune to the King, and which always attends Courts which labour under great wants and necessities, that, whilst the greatest Union imaginable amongst the few Friends he had was necessary, and of too little Power to buoy him up from the distresses which overwhelm'd him, there was yet so great a Faction, and Animosity amongst them, that destroy'd any the most probable design that could offer it self; as it now fell out with reference to *Scotland*, which, if united, might yet be able to give Reputation at least, if not a vigorous Assistance to the King's Interest.

THE Marquis of *Mountrose*, who had been mention'd before, had been oblig'd by the late King to lay down his Arms; and after he had perform'd such wonderful Actions in *Scotland*, and left that Kingdom upon his Majesty's first coming into the *Scottish* Army to *New-Castle*, had first arriv'd in *France*, and had not such a Reception from the Queen of *England*, and those who were in credit with her, as he thought the notable Services he had perform'd for the King had merited. The truth is, he was somewhat elated with the great Actions he had done; which, upon his first coming to *Paris*, he caused to be published in a full Relation in Latin, dedicated to the Prince of *Wales*; in which, as his own Person, Courage, and Conduct, was well extolled, so the Reputation of all the rest of that Nation (upon whose Affections the Queen at that time depended) was exceedingly undervalued and depressed; which obliged the Queen, and the Prince, to look less graciously upon him; which he could not bear without expressing much disturbance at it. He was then a Man of *Eclat*, had many Servants, and more Officers, who had serv'd under him, and came away with him, all whom he expected the Queen should enable him to maintain with some Lustre, by a liberal assignation of Monies. On the other hand, the Queen was in straits enough, and never open-handed, and used to pay the best Services with receiving them graciously, and looking kindly upon those who did them. And her Graces were still more towards those who were like to do Services, than to those who Had done them. So that after a long attendance and some overtures made by him to Cardinal *Mazarin*, to raise an Army for the Service of that King, which he did not think were receiv'd with that regard his great name deserv'd, the Marquis left *France*, and made a Journey into *Germany* to the Emperor's

*Factions in the King's Court with reference to Scotland.*

*The Marquis of Mountrose arrives in France:*

*Thence goes into Germany.*

Emperor's Court, desiring to see Armies, till he could come to command them; and was return'd to *Brussels*, about the time that the Prince came back into *Holland* with the Fleet; and lay there very privately, and as *incognito*, for some time, till he heard of the Murder of the late King. Then he sent to the King with the tender of his Service, and to know, "If his Majesty thought his attendance upon him might bring any prejudice to his Majesty; and if so, that he would send over the Chancellor of the Exchequer to *Sevenberg*, a Town in *Flanders*, where he was at present to expect him, and had matters to communicate to him of much importance to his Majesty's Service. Whether he did this out of modesty, and that he might first know his Majesty's pleasure, or out of some vanity, that he might seem to come to the King, after the coldness he had met at *Paris*, by a kind of Treaty, the King commanded the Chancellor presently to go to him; and "If he could, without exasperating him (which he had no mind to do) wished, "He might be perswaded rather for some time to suspend his coming to the *Hague*, than presently to appear there; which was an injunction very disagreeable to the Chancellor; who in his judgment believ'd his Majesty should bid him very welcome, and prefer him before any other of that Nation in his esteem.

THE suddain violent frost, which shut up all the Rivers in less than four and twenty hours, kept them at that time from meeting; but, within a short time after, and upon another Message from him, they met at a Village three or four miles off the *Hague*; whither the Marquis was come. The Chancellor had never seen him from the time he had left *Oxford*, when he seem'd to have very much modesty, and deference to the opinion and judgment of other Men. But he had, since that time, done so many signal Actions, won so many Battles, and in truth made so great a noise in the world, that there appear'd no less alteration to be in his humour, and discourse, than there had been in his Fortune. He seem'd rather to have desired that interview, that he might the better know what advice to give the King, and how to make a Party that would be fast to him, than out of any doubt that his presence would not be acceptable to his Majesty. There was yet no news from *Scotland* since the Murder of the King, and he seem'd to think of nothing but that the King would presently send him thither with some Forces, to prepare the way for himself to follow after. They spent that Night together in Conference, and the next Morning the Chancellor prevailed with him, with great difficulty, that he would stay in that place, which did not abound with all things desirable, or some where else, until he might give him Notice, what

The Chancellor of the Exchequer sent to confer with him in a Village near the Hague.



the King's sense should be of the matters discoursed between them; insisting principally, "That, if his going into *Scotland* should be thought presently to be necessary, it would then be as necessary, that he should not be taken notice of publicly to have been with the King: with which reason he seem'd satisfied; and promised "Not to come to the *Hague*, till he should first receive advice from the Chancellor. But when he heard of the Commissioners being come from *Scotland*, and of the other Lords arrival there, he would no longer defer his Journey thither, but came to the *Hague* well attended by Servants and Officers, and presented himself to the King; who receiv'd him with a very good countenance.

*The Marquis comes to the Hague.*

THERE were at this time in the *Hague*, the Commissioners who came from the Council and the Kirk to invite the King into *Scotland*, or rather to let him know upon what terms he might come thither, Duke *Hamilton*, the Earl of *Lautherdale*, and others of the Nobility of that Faction, who were now as odious, and as much persecuted by that Party, which then govern'd *Scotland* and which in that manner invited the King, as any Men were who had serv'd the King from the beginning. There was also the Marquis of *Mountrose*, with more of the Nobility, as the Earls of *Seaford*, and *Kinoul*, and others, who adher'd to *Mountrose*, and believ'd his clear Spirit to be most like to advance the King's Service.

Of these three Parties, it might reasonably have been hoped that the two last being equally persecuted by the Power that govern'd, should have been easily United to have Suppressed the other. But it was a business too hard for the King to bring to pass; and he could as easily have perswaded the Parliament to reject *Cromwell*, as the Lords of the *Engagement*, and those who had joyn'd with Duke *Hamilton*, to be reconciled to *Mountrose*: So that when the King hoped to have drawn all the *Scottish* Nobility together, to have consulted what Answer he should give to the Messâges he had receiv'd from the Council and the Kirk, with which they themselves were enough offended, those Lords of the *Engagement* did not only refuse to meet with the Lord *Mountrose*, but as soon as he came into the Room where they were, though his Majesty himself was present, they immediately withdrew, and left the Room; and had the confidence to desire the King, "That the Marquis of *Mountrose* (whom they call'd *James Graham*) might be forbidden to come into his Majesty's Presence, or Court, because he stood Excommunicated by the Kirk of *Scotland*, and degraded and forfeited by the Judicatory of that Kingdom. This Proposition and Demand they made confidently in writing under their Hands, and abounded so much in this sense, that a

*The Parties of the Scots now at the Hague.*

Learned

Learned and Worthy *Scottish* Divine, Dr *Wishart*, who was then Chaplain to a *Scottish* Regiment in the Service of the States, being appointed to Preach before the King on the *Sunday* following, they formally besought the King, "That he would not suffer him to Preach before him, nor to come in-  
 "to his Presence, because he stood Excommunicated by the  
 "Kirk of *Scotland*, for having refused to take the Covenant; though it was known, that the true cause of the displeasure they had against that Divine was, That they knew he was the Author of the excellent Relation of the Lord *Mountrose's* Actions in *Scotland*. This carriage and behaviour of those Lords appear'd ridiculous to all sober Men, that any Men should have the presumption to accuse those who had serv'd the King with that Fidelity, and were only branded by those Rebellious Judicatories for having perform'd their duties of Allegiance, and to demand that the King himself should condemn them for having serv'd his Father: which made those of his Majesty's Council full of Indignation at their Insolence, and his Majesty himself declar'd his being offended, by using the Marquis of *Mountrose* with the more countenance, and hearing the Doctor Preach with the more attention. But from this very absurd behaviour, besides his Majesty's desire being frustrated, of receiving the joynt advice of the Nobility of that Kingdom in an affair that so much concern'd himself and them; and besides the displeasure, and distance, that it caused between them and the King's Council (who thought the *Scottish* Lords might as reasonably move the King, that they might be remov'd, who lay under the same brand, and reproaches in *England* for adhering to the Crown, as the other did in *Scotland*) the King had reason to be troubled with another apprehension, which was, that the Marquis of *Mountrose* (who could not be ignorant of any thing which the other Persons said or did) would, out of just indignation, take revenge upon those Persons whom he contemn'd too much, and so that the Peace of the Country, where his Majesty was but a Guest, would be violated by his Subjects, as it were in his own fight; which would make his absence from thence the more desirable.

HE, to whom this unreasonable Animosity was most imputed, and who indeed was the great Fomenter, and Prosecutor of it, was the Earl of *Lautherdale*; whose fiery Spirit was not capable of any moderation. One of the Council conferring one day with him upon a Subject that could not put him into passion, and so being in a very fair conversation, desir'd him "To inform him, what foul Offence the Marquis of  
 "*Mountrose* had ever committed, that should hinder those to  
 "make a conjunction with him, who, in respect of the Re-  
 "bels

bels were in as desperate a condition as himself, and who could not more desire the King's Restitution than he did. The Earl told him calmly enough, "That he could not imagine, or conceive the Barbarities and Inhumanities *Mountrose* was guilty of, in the time he made a War in *Scotland*; that he never gave Quarter to any Man, but pursued all the Advantages he ever got, with the utmost outrage and cruelty: that he had in one Battle kill'd fifteen hundred of one Family, of the *Campbels*, of the blood and name of *Argyle*, and that he had utterly rooted out several Names, and entire noble Families. The other told him, "That it was the Nature and Condition of that War, that Quarter was given on neither side; that those Prisoners which were taken by the *Scots*, as once they did take some Persons of Honour of his Party, were afterwards in cold blood hang'd reproachfully, which was much worse than if they had been kill'd in the Field; and asked him, "If *Mountrose* had ever caused any Man to dye in cold Blood, or after the Battle was ended; since what was done in it *flagrante*, was more to be imputed to the fierceness of his Soldiers, than to his want of humanity. The Earl confessed, "That he did not know he was guilty of any thing but what was done in the Field; but concluded with more passion, "That his behaviour there was so Savage, that *Scotland* would never forgive him. And in other Company, where the same Subject was debated, he swore with great passion, "That though he wish'd nothing more in this World than to see the King Restor'd, he had much rather that he should never be Restor'd, than that *James Graham* should be permitted to come into the Court: of which Declaration of his the King was inform'd by *William Legg* and *Sr William Armorer*, who were both present at the *Hague*, and in the Company, where he said it.

THERE was at that time in the *Hague* the Lord *Newburgh*, who, after the Murder of the late King, was combell'd together with his Wife, the Lady *Aubigney*, to fly out of *England*, *Cromwell* every day making discoveries of correspondencies which had been between the King and them. And thereupon they made an escape from thence, and came to the *Hague*. That Lord having been too young to have had a part in the former War, had been then sent by his Majesty's direction, to be bred in *France*; from whence he return'd not till his Majesty was in the hands of the *Scottish* Army; and from that time he perform'd all the Offices of Fidelity; and Duty to the King, that a generous and worthy Person could find any opportunity for: with which his Majesty was

Earl of  
Lauther-  
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gainst  
Mountrose.

abundantly satisfied and pleased: and he now Transported himself and his Wife into *Holland*, that he might leave her there, and himself attend the King in any Expedition.

THIS Lady was a Woman of a very great Wit, and most trusted and conversant in those Intrigues, which at that time could be best manag'd and carried on by Ladies, who with less jealousy could be seen in all Companies: and so she had not been a stranger to the most secret Transactions with the *Scots*, and had much Conversation with the Lord *Lanrick*, during the time the King was at *Hampton Court*, and whilst he stay'd afterwards in *London*, when the King was Imprison'd in the Isle of *Wight*; and being now both in the *Hague*, they had much Conversation together. She had likewise had long Acquaintance, and Friendship with one of the Council, who, she knew, had been as much trusted as any by the Father, and was believ'd to have Credit with the present King. She lamented those Divisions amongst the *Scots*, which every Body spoke of, and every Body knew the disorder they produced in the King's Councils; and said, "She desir'd nothing more, than that there were a good understanding between Duke *Hamilton* and Him; which, she said, "She was sure would easily be, if they two had but once a frank Conference together. The other, who indeed had an esteem for the Duke, seem'd very desirous of it: and she thereupon told him, that "The Duke had express'd to her, that he would be willing to embrace the occasion: and it was so concerted, that within a day or two, they met as by chance at her Lodgings. And she so dextrously introduc'd them to a Civility towards each other, and to express their Inclinations to a mutual freedom, that after an hour's general Conversation there, to which she left them, and went her self abroad, they parted with fair professions of future good Will; and the other promised to visit the Duke the next morning early, that they might have the more time without being interrupted, and he was with him accordingly, and found him in his bed. They continued together near two hours, the Duke having commanded his Servant to tell any who came to visit him, that he was asleep. The other, spoke of "The Proclamation, and the manner of inviting the King into *Scotland*, "and of the strange Spirit that possessed those who govern'd "there, and perswaded them to imagine it possible, that the "King could ever be prevail'd with to take the Covenant, "or that it could be of Advantage to him to do so; since it "could not but much alienate the Affections of all that Party "in *England* that had serv'd his Father, upon whom he ought "chiefly to depend for his Restoration to the Government of "that

Conference  
between  
Duke *Hamilton* and  
an English  
Privy Coun-  
sellor con-  
cerning the  
Affairs of  
*Scotland*.

“that Kingdom. Then he spoke of “The differences and  
 “jealousies which were between those of that Nation who  
 “had an equal desire to serve the King, and seem’d to be  
 “equally prosecuted by the Party that now prevail’d, which  
 “had excluded both; and wish’d “That some Expedient  
 “might be found out to Unite all those; and particularly that  
 “his Grace, and the Marquis of *Mountrose* might be reconcil’d;  
 “towards which, he said, he was sure that the Marquis had  
 “great Inclination, and had always esteem’d him a Man of  
 “Honour; which appear’d by the Book which was publish’d,  
 “where he was always worthily mention’d, though he had  
 “not dealt so well with many others.

WHEN the Duke had heard him with very civil attention,  
 he told him as to the first part, “Concerning the Proclama-  
 “tion, and the manner of inviting the King to come to them,  
 “he was not to make any other judgment by it, than only  
 “of the Person of the Marquis of *Argyle*; who, with the  
 “Assistance of some few Ministers, and others his Creatures,  
 “did at present Govern: that *Argyle* well knew there was  
 “an absolute necessity, in respect of the whole People, to  
 “proclaim the King after the Murder of his Father; and  
 “therefore he could find no other way to keep him from  
 “coming thither, but by clogging the Proclamation and Mes-  
 “sage with those unworthy Expressions, which might deter  
 “him from putting himself into their hands; which *Argyle*  
 “did not wish he should do, because in his absence he was  
 “sure he should Govern all, being well agreed with *Cromwell*  
 “how the Government should be carried; and so the King  
 “might be kept out, *Cromwell* would support him against all  
 “other Parties; but that they both knew well enough, that  
 “if his Majesty were once there, the whole Nation would  
 “stick to him and obey him. He confess’d, “That there was  
 “generally so great a Superstition for the Covenant, that who-  
 “soever should speak against it for the present, would lose  
 “all credit, though he did acknowledge it had done much  
 “Mischief, and would do more whilst it should be insisted  
 “upon; but, he said, “That must be a work of time, and an  
 “effect of the King’s Government; which would find it ne-  
 “cessary, in many other respects, to lessen the power of the  
 “Ministers; which being lessen’d, the Reverence of the Co-  
 “venant would quickly fall too; and till then He, and all  
 “Men, must have patience. For the second, he said, “He  
 “wished heartily that there could be a Union of all Parties  
 “which desir’d the King’s Restauration, and that the Animo-  
 “sity against the Marquis of *Mountrose* might be extinguish’d:  
 “For his own part, that he had only one Quarrel against  
 “him;

"him, which was that, by his unjust Calumnies and Prose-  
 "cution, he had driven him into Rebellion; which nothing  
 "else could have done. And for that he always asked God  
 "forgiveness from his Heart, and desir'd nothing more than  
 "to repair his fault by losing his life for the King; and would  
 "with all his Heart, joyn to morrow with the Marquis of  
 "Mountrose, in carrying on the King's Service, though he  
 "did believe, in that conjuncture, the Animosity against the  
 "Marquis was so great, that if he should declare such an In-  
 "clination, all his own Friends would fall from him, and  
 "abhor him. He said, "His own Condition was very hard;  
 "for that having been always bred up in the Church of Eng-  
 "land, for which he had a great Reverence, he was forced  
 "to comply with the Covenant; which he perfectly detested,  
 "and looked upon it as the ruin of his Nation; and would  
 "be as glad as any Man of a good opportunity to declare a-  
 "gainst it. But, said he, "I dare not say this; and if I did,  
 "I should have no power or credit to serve the King. There  
 "is, said he, a very worthy Gentleman, who Lodges in this  
 "House, the Earl of *Lautberdale*, my Friend and my Kin-  
 "man; who, upon my Conscience, loves me heartily; and  
 "yet I dare say nothing of this to him, either against the  
 "Covenant, or for the Marquis of *Mountrose*: and if I  
 "should, I believe he would rather choose to kill me, than  
 "to joyn with me: so much he is transported with prejudice  
 "in both these particulars, and so incapable to hear reason  
 "upon either of those Arguments, though in all other things,  
 "few Men have a better understanding, or can discourse more  
 "reasonably.

WHILEST they continued in all possible freedom in this  
 conference, the Earl of *Lautberdale*, who it seems was in-  
 form'd of the others being there, came in his Night-Gown  
 into the Chamber, and so broke off the discourse. The other  
 after sitting some time in general Conversation, departed. And  
 there continued afterwards all civility between the Duke and  
 him. But as himself told the Lady *Aubigney*, who shortly af-  
 ter died there, "He could not, without giving jealousy to his  
 "Friend *Lautberdale*, which he had no mind to do, spend so  
 "much time with the other in private as he could have been  
 "willing to have done: and the death of that Lady lessen'd  
 the opportunities.

IN this unsteady and irresolute condition of the King's  
 Council, it was very manifest, that how long soever his Ma-  
 jesty should defer the resolution, to what place he would re-  
 move, he should not be able to stay long in the place where  
 he was. The States, especially those of *Holland*, let fall  
 some-

omewhat every day in their Counfels, and Consultations, That the King's refiding in the *Hague* would be very inconvenient to them; and it was the great Interest of the Prince of *Orange*, not without much dexterity, that kept the States from fending a Message directly to his Majesty, to desire him, That he would depart from that Country, asfoon as he could. And there happen'd an Accident at this time, which made the resolution necessary, and would inevitably have drawn on that Message, which had yet been kept back.

IT was touch'd before, that there was a purpose at *London*, to send over an Envoy from thence into *Holland*, to prepare the way for a farther good Intelligence, and Negotiation, which might end in a firm Peace, and a reciprocal Alliance between the two Republicks. To that purpose one *Doriflaus*, a Doctor in the Civil Law, was named; who, being born in *Delph* in *Holland*, had been bred at *Leyden*, and afterwards liv'd long in *London*, having been receiv'd into *Gresham* College as a Professor in one of those Chairs which are endow'd for publick Lectures in that Society, and had been, from the beginning of the Troubles, in the Exercise of the Judge Advocate's Office in the Earl of *Effex*'s Army. In this conjuncture this Man arriv'd at the *Hague*, and took his Lodging in a House where Strangers used to repair, and were accommodated till they provided otherwise for their better accommodation. Whilst

he was at Supper, the same Evening that he came to the Town, in Company of many others who used to Eat there, half a dozen Gentlemen enter'd the Room with their Swords drawn, and required those who were at the Table "Not to stir; for that there was no harm intended to any but the Agent who came from the Rebels in *England*, who had newly Murder'd their King. And one of them, who knew *Doriflaus*, pulled him from the Table, and killed him at his Feet: and thereupon they all put up their Swords, and walked leisurely out of the House, leaving those who were in the Room, in much Amazement and Consternation. Though all who were engaged in the Enterprife, went quietly away, and so out of the Town, infomuch as no one of them was ever apprehended, or called in question, yet they kept not their own Counsel so well (believing they had done a very Heroick Act) but that it was generally known they were all *Scottish* Men, and most of them Servants, or Dependents upon the Marquis of *Mountrose*.

THE King was exceedingly troubled and perplexed with this Accident, which he could not foresee, and easily discern'd that it would be applied to his prejudice; and that the States could not but highly resent it, in many respects; that the

Man who was killed, was in truth their own Subject, and employed to them, as a publick Minister, by those with whom they had no mind to have any Quarrel. Upon all which his Majesty concluded, that his presence there would quickly appear more unacceptable than ever; besides, that there had been the same night some Quarrels, and Fighting in the Streets between some Servants of the King and some Gentlemen of the Town; in which a Son of one of the States was dangerously hurt, though he recover'd afterwards.

IT cannot be denied but that the States proceeded upon these disorders, to which they had not been accusom'd, with great gravity, and more than ordinary respect to the King. They were highly offended with what was past, and sensible what expostulations, and clamour for Justice they must expect, and sustain from *England*, and what reproaches they must undergo for suffering all those who had been guilty of such a Crime, to escape the Ministers of Justice; which could not but be imputed to them, as a great scandal to their Government: Yet they proceeded very slowly in their Inquisition, and with such formalities as were usual (and which could bring no prejudice to the Offenders; who were either gone out of their Dominions, or concealed themselves in other Towns, where the same formalities were to be used, if they were discover'd) and without so much reflection upon the King, as if they believ'd that the guilty Persons had any relation to his Service: Yet they took notice of "The multitude  
"of Strangers which were in the Town, and how impossible  
"it would be for them to preserve the Peace, and good Go-  
"vernment thereof, if such resort were not restrain'd. They  
aggravated exceedingly "The indignity that had been offer'd  
"to the State it self, in the attempt that had been made upon  
"a Person under Their Protection, and for whose safety the  
"Publick Faith was, upon the matter, engag'd; with insinua-  
tion enough, "That it would be fit for the King to remove  
"from thence. Of all which his Majesty receiving advertisement, he thought it better himself to give them notice of his purpose to leave them, than to expect a plain Injunction from them to do so. He found this the more necessary to be done, since from the time that the *Scottish* Commissioners were come thither, they had taken great pains to infuse into the opinions of that People, "That they were sent from the Kingdom of  
"Scotland, that was entirely and unanimously at his Maje-  
"sty's disposal, to invite him to repair thither, and to take  
"possession of his Government there, where there was al-  
"ready an Army preparing to assist him towards the recovery  
"of his other Dominions; but that there was a Party of evil  
"Coun-



“ Councillors about his Majesty, who dissuaded him from accepting that their Invitation, except they would be content to change the Government of their Church, and to establish Episcopacy there again. And by these intinuations they perswaded many of the States to believe, that the defence of Bishops, for whom they had no regard, was the sole difference between the King and Them, which kept the King from going into *Scotland*: So that the King was not without some apprehension, that by that mistake and false Information, the States might give him advice to accept the *Scots* Invitation. And therefore he sent to the States of *Holland*, “ That he had a desire to say somewhat to them, if they would assign him an Audience the next day; which they readily did.

THE King was receiv'd in the same manner he had been formerly, and being conducted into the Room of Council, after a short Compliment, he deliver'd a Paper to them, which he desired might be read, and that he might receive their advice thereupon as soon as they pleas'd. The Memorial contain'd, in the first place, his Majesty's acknowledgment of the Civilities he had receiv'd there, and his desire “ That by them the States General (who were not at that time assembled) “ might be inform'd of such his Majesty's sense of their kindness; especially in the full and high detestation they had express'd of the impious, and unparallell'd Murder of his Royal Father of Blessed Memory, their fast and unshaken Ally, by which the Forms and Rules of all kind of Government were no less violated and dissolv'd, than that of Monarchy: That he came to inform them that he did intend, in a short time, so to dispose of his Person, as might with God's Blessing most probably advance his Affairs; and that for the better doing thereof, and that he might in so important an Affair receive their particular advice, he should impart to them the true state and condition of his several Dominions. That he needed not inform them of the deplorable condition of his Kingdom of *England*, where the Hearts and Affections of his Loyal Subjects were so depressed, and kept under by the Power and Cruelty of those who had Murder'd their late Sovereign, and who every day gave fresh and bloody instances of their Tyranny, to fright Men from their Allegiance, that for the present no Man could believe that miserable Kingdom could be fit for his Majesty to trust his Person in: That in *Scotland*, it is very true, that his Majesty is proclaim'd King, but with such limitations, and restrictions against his exercise of his Royal Power, that in truth they had only given him the Name, and denied him the Authority: That above five parts of six of the Nobility

*The King gives a visit to the States of Holland, and delivers them a Memorial.*

“and chief Gentry of that Kingdom, were likewise excluded  
 “from their just Right, and from any part in the Administra-  
 “tion of the Publick Affairs; so that That Kingdom seem’d not  
 “sufficiently prepar’d for his Majesty’s reception; but that he  
 “hoped, and doubted not, that there would be in a short time  
 “a perfect Union, and right understanding between all his  
 “Subjects of that his Kingdom, and a due submission and obe-  
 “dience from them all to his Majesty, for that he was re-  
 “solv’d (and had never had the least purpose to the contrary)  
 “to preserve and maintain the Government of Church and  
 “State in that Kingdom, as it is establish’d by the Laws there-  
 “of, without any violation or alteration on his part: So that  
 “there could be no difference between him and his Subjects  
 “of that Kingdom, except they should endeavour, and press  
 “his Majesty to alter the Laws and Government of his other  
 “Kingdoms; which as it would be very unreasonable to de-  
 “fire, so it is not in his power to do if he should consent,  
 “and joyn with his Subjects of *Scotland* to that purpose: which  
 “made him confident, that, when they had thoroughly weigh’d  
 “and consider’d what was good for themselves, as well as for  
 “Him; they would acquiesce with enjoying the Laws and  
 “Privileges of that Kingdom, without desiring to infringe or  
 “impose upon those of their Brethren and Neighbours. And  
 “his Majesty desir’d the States, “That if any Persons had en-  
 “deavour’d to make any impressions upon them, that he hath,  
 “or ever had other intentions or desires, with reference to  
 “his Subjects of *Scotland*, than what himself now express’d to  
 “them to have, that they would give no Credit to them:  
 “And assured them, that they should always find him con-  
 “stant to those resolutions, and especially, that all ways and  
 “means which might lead to the advancement and propaga-  
 “tion of the Protestant Religion, should be so heartily em-  
 “braced by him, that the World should have cause to believe  
 “him to be worthy of his Title of *Defender of the Faith*,  
 “which he valued as his greatest Attribute.

THIS being the true present condition of his two King-  
 doms of *England* and *Scotland*, and it being necessary for his  
 Majesty, to give life to the afflicted state of his Affairs by his  
 own Personal Activity and Vigour, he told them, “There re-  
 “main’d only, that he should impart to them the like State  
 “of his other Kingdom of *Ireland*; which had likewise sent  
 “to him, and desir’d him to repair thither with great impor-  
 “tunity: That the Marquis of *Ormond*, his Lieutenant there,  
 “had concluded a Peace with the Roman Catholicks; and  
 “that thereby his Majesty was entirely possess’d of three parts  
 “of four of that his large and fruitful Kingdom, and of the

“Com-

“ Command of good Armies, and of many good Ships to be  
 “ joyn’d to his own Fleet; and that he had reason to hope  
 “ and to believe that *Dublin* it self, and the few other places,  
 “ which had submitted to the Rebellious power in *England*,  
 “ either already were, upon the knowledge of that odious  
 “ Parricide, return’d to their Allegiance, or would speedily be  
 “ reduced; of which he expected every day to receive Ad-  
 “ vertisement; which if it should fall out, yet he foresaw  
 “ many objections might be made against his going thither,  
 “ not only in regard of the difficulty and danger of his pas-  
 “ sage, but of the jealousies which would arise upon the large  
 “ Concessions which were made unto the Roman Catholics  
 “ of that Kingdom; which could not be avoided. And  
 “ having thus given them a clear Information of the State of  
 “ his three Kingdoms, his Majesty concluded with his desire,  
 “ That the States would give him their advice as freely, to  
 “ which of them he should repair; and that they would  
 “ give him all necessary assistance that he might prosecute  
 “ their Counsel.

MANY Men fear’d, that the King would have brought  
 great prejudice to himself by this Communication, and, upon  
 the matter, obliged himself to follow their Advice; which  
 they apprehended would be contrary to his own Judgment.  
 For nothing was more commonly discoursed among the *Dutch*,  
 and by many of the States themselves, than “ That the King  
 “ ought, without delay, to throw himself into the Arms of  
 “ *Scotland*, and to gratify them in all they desir’d: That  
 “ Bishops were not worth the contending for; and that the  
 “ supporting Them, had been the ruin of his Father, and  
 “ would be His, if he continued in the same obstinacy. But  
 the King had reason to believe that they would not so much  
 concern themselves in his broken Affairs, as to give him Ad-  
 vice what to do: And it was necessary for him to get a little  
 more time, upon some occurrences which would every day  
 happen, before he took a positive resolution which way to  
 steer: for though, in his own opinion, *Ireland* was the place  
 to which he was to repair, yet he knew that notwithstanding  
 the Peace that was made, there were several Parties still in  
 Arms there, besides those who adher’d to the Parliament,  
 who refused to submit to that Peace. Though the General  
 Council at *Kilkenny* (which had been always look’d upon as  
 the Representative of the Confederate Catholics of that King-  
 dom, and to which they had always submitted) had fully con-  
 sented to the Treaty of Peace with the Lord Lieutenant,  
 yet *Owen O Neile*, who had the Command of all the *Irish* in  
*Ulster*, and who was look’d upon as the best General they  
 had

had, totally refused to submit to it, and positively protested against it, as not having provided for their Interest; and that Council was not sorry for his separation, there being little less Animosity between those of *Ulster* and the other *Irish*, than was between them both and the *English*: and they knew that *O Neile* more insisted upon recompence in Lands and Preferments, than upon any provision that concern'd Religion it self. Then the *Scots* in *Ulster*, who were very numerous, and under good discipline, and well provided with Arms and Ammunition, would not submit to the Commands of the Lord Lieutenant; but were resolv'd to follow the example of their Country-men, and to see the King admitted and receiv'd, as well as proclaim'd, before they would submit to his Authority: which made the Marquis of *Ormond* the less troubled at the Obstinacy of *O Neile* (though he had used all the means he had to draw him in) since he presumed the *Scots* and He would mortifie each other, during the time that he should spend in making himself strong enough to suppress them both: For the *Scots* who would not joyn with the Marquis, were very vigorous in prosecuting the War against *O Neile*, and the *Irish* of *Ulster*. These Divisions, Factions, and Confusions in *Ireland*, made the King the more sollicitous that his Council should be unanimous for his going thither, at least that the *Scots*, how virulent soever against each other, should all concur in their Advice, "That it was not yet seasonable for him to go for *Scotland*; which made him labour so much to bring the *Hamiltonians*, and those who follow'd *Mountrose*, whom he believ'd both to be of that opinion, to meet together, and to own it joyntly to the King in Council: But it is said before how impossible it was to obtain that Conjunction.

WHEN the King found, that it was not possible to bring the Lords of the *Scotish* Nation together to confer upon the Affairs of that Kingdom, he thought to have drawn them severally, that is, those of the *Engagement* by themselves, and the Marquis of *Mountrose* with his Friends by themselves, to have given him their Advice in the presence of his Council, that so, upon Debate thereof between them, his Majesty might the more maturely have determin'd what he was to do. The Marquis of *Mountrose* express'd a great willingness to give his Majesty satisfaction, this, or any other way; being willing to deliver his opinion concerning Things, or Persons, before any Body, and in any place. But the Lords of the *Engagement* positively refused to deliver their opinion, but to the King himself, and not in the presence of his Council; which, they said, "Would be to confess a kind of subordina-

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tion of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, which was independent  
 on the Council of *England*; and Duke *Hamilton* told the  
 Counsellor, with whom he had before so freely conversed,  
 and who expostulated with him upon it, "That it was the  
 only ground of the heavy judgment in Parliament against  
 the Earl of *Traquair*, that, having been the King's Com-  
 missioner in *Scotland*, he gave account to the King of  
 transactions, and of the affairs of that Kingdom, at the  
 Council Table in *England*; whereof he was likewise a  
 Member; so jealous that Kingdom was, and still is, of their  
 Native Privileges; and therefore desired, "That he might  
 not be pressed to do what had been so penal to another in  
 his own sight.

THE King satisfied himself with having all their opinions  
 deliver'd to himself, subscribed under all their hands, which  
 every one consented to: though most of them would have  
 been glad that the King would have gone into *Scotland*, upon  
 what condescensions soever; because they all believ'd His  
 presence would easily turn all, and that they should be quick-  
 ly restored to their Estates, which they cared most for: yet  
 no body presumed to give that advice, or seem'd to think it  
 seasonable. So that the King resumed the former Debate of  
 going directly for *Ireland*, and direction was given for pro-  
 viding Ships, and all other things necessary for that Voyage.  
 There remain'd only one doubt, whether his Majesty should  
 take *France* in his way, that he might see his Mother, who  
 by Letters and Messages pressed him very earnestly so to do;  
 or whether he should embark in *Holland* directly for *Ireland*;  
 which would be less loss of time, and might be done early in  
 the Spring, before the Parliament's Fleet should put out to  
 Sea.

THEY who did not wish that the Queen should exercise  
 any power over the King, or have too much credit with  
 him, were against his going into *France*, as "An occasion of  
 spending more time than his Affairs would permit, and an  
 obligation to make a greater Expence than he had, or knew  
 where to have, means to defray: and they thought it an  
 Argument of moment, "That from the time of the Murder  
 of his Father, the King had never receiv'd Letter of con-  
 dolement from *France*, nor the least invitation to go thi-  
 ther. On the other side, they who wish'd, and hop'd that  
 the Queen would have such an influence upon the King that  
 his Council should have less credit with him, desired very  
 much that his Majesty would make *France* his way. The  
*Scots* desired it very much, believing they should find her Ma-  
 jesty very propitious to their Counsels, and inclined to trust  
 their

their undertakings; and they were very sure that *Mountrose* would never go to *Paris*, or have credit with the Queen.

THE Prince of *Orange*, and the Princess Royal his Wife, had a great desire to gratify the Queen, and that the King should see her in the way; and propos'd "That his Majesty might appoint a place, where the Queen and He might meet, without going to *Paris*; and, after three or four days stay together, his Majesty might hasten his Journey to some convenient Port, from whence he might embark for *Ireland* by a shorter passage than from *Holland*; and the Prince of *Orange* would appoint two Ships of War, to attend his Majesty in that *French* Port, before he should get thither. His Majesty inclin'd this way, without positively resolving upon it; yet directed "That his own Goods of bulk, and his inferior Servants, should be presently embarked to take the directest passage to *Ireland*; and order'd "That the rest, who were to wait upon his Person, should likewise send their Goods and Baggage, and such Servants who were not absolutely necessary for their present Service, upon the same Ships for *Ireland*; declaring, "That, if he made *France* his way, he would make all possible haste, and go with as light a train as he could. Hereupon two Ships were shortly after provided, and many Persons (and great store of Baggage) embark'd for *Ireland*, and arriv'd there in safety; but most of the Persons, and all the Goods, miscarried in their return, when they knew that the King was not to come thither, upon the accidents that afterwards fell out there.

THIS Resolution being taken, the Lord *Cottingham*, who had a just excuse from his Age, being then seventy five years old, to wish to be in some repose, consider'd with himself how to become disintangled from the fatigue of those Voyages and Journies, which he saw the King would be oblig'd to make. In *Holland* he had no mind to stay, having never lov'd that People, nor been lov'd by them; and he thought the Climate it self was very pernicious to his health, by reason of the Gout, which frequently visited him. *France* was as ungrateful to him, where he had not been kindly treated, and was look'd upon as one who had been always addicted to *Spain*, and no friend to the Crown of *France*; so that he was willing to find a good occasion to spend the remainder of his age where he had spent so much of his youth, in *Spain*; and where he believ'd that he might be able to do the King more Service than any other way. And there was newly come to the *Hague* an *English* Gentleman, who had been an Officer in the King's Army, and was in *Madrid* when the News came thither of the Murder of the King: and he related

lated many particulars of the passion and indignation of that Court, upon that occasion, against the Rebels; that "The King, and all the Court, put themselves into solemn Mourning: (and he repeated some Expressions which the King and *Don Lewis de Haro* had made of tenderness and compassion for our King) and that "The King of *Spain* spoke of "sending an Embassadour to his Majesty.

THESE relations, and any thing of that kind, how weakly soever founded, were very willingly heard. And from hence the Lord *Cottington* took occasion to confer with the Chancellor of the Exchequer (with whom he held a strict Friendship, they living, and keeping House together) of "The "ill condition the King was in, and that he ought to think, "what Prince's kindness was like to be of most use and benefit to his Majesty, and from whom he might hope to receive a Sum of Money; if not as much as might serve for a Martial Expedition, yet such an annual Exhibition as might serve for his support: that he had already experience of *France*, and knew well the Intelligence that the Cardinal had at that very time with *Cromwell*: but he did verily believe, that if the King of *Spain* were dexterously treated with, and not more asked of him than could consist with his Affairs to spare, a good yearly support might be procured There, and the expectation of it might be worth the King's sending an Embassadour thither. He said, "He was more of that opinion since the King had taken the resolution of going for *Ireland*; where the King of *Spain's* credit might be of great benefit to him: that *Owen O Neil*, and the old *Irish* of *Ulster*, were still in Arms against the King; and would not submit to the conditions which the general Council of the Confederate Catholicks had consented to with the Marquis of *Ormond*: that *O Neil* had been bred in *Spain*, and had a Regiment in *Flanders*, and so must have an absolute dependence upon his Catholick Majesty, for whom all the old *Irish* had ever had a particular devotion; and if it were only to dispose Him and that People to the King's obedience, and to accept those conditions which might conveniently be given to them, it were well worth such a Journey; and the King of *Spain* would never refuse to gratify the King to the utmost that could be desir'd in that particular. The Chancellor thought this discourse not unreasonable, and asked him "Who would be fit to be sent thither? not imagining that he had any thought of going thither Himself. He Answer'd, "That, if the King would be advised by him, he should send them Two thither, and he did believe they should do him very good Service.

Conference between the Lord Cottington and the Chancellor of the Exchequer concerning the King's sending an Embassay into Spain.

THE Chancellor was weary of the Company he was in, and the business, which, having no prospect but towards despair, was yet render'd more grievous by the continual Contentions and Animosities between Persons. He knew he was not in the Queens Favour at all, and should find no respect in that Court. However, he was very scrupulous, that the King might not suspect that he was weary of his Attendance, or that any Body else might believe that he withdrew himself from waiting longer upon so desperate a Fortune. In the end, he told the Lord *Cottington* "That he would only be passive in the point, and refer it entirely to Him, if he thought fit to dispose the King to like it; and if the King approv'd it so much as to take notice of it to the Chancellor, and commend it as a thing he thought for his Service, he would submit to his Command.

The King declares those Two to be his Embassadors.

THE Lord *Cottington's* Heart was much set upon this employment, and he managed so warily with the King, and presented the whole Scheme to him so dexterously, that his Majesty was much pleas'd with it; and shortly after declared his Resolution publicly, "To send the Lord *Cottington*, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, his Embassadors Extraordinary into *Spain*; and Commanded them "To prepare their own Commission, and Instructions; and to begin their Journey as soon as was possible.

BEFORE the King could begin his own Journey for *France*, and so to *Ireland*, his Majesty thought it necessary, upon the whole prospect of his Affairs with reference to all places, to put his Business into as good a method as he could, and to dispose of that number of Officers, and Soldiers, and other Persons, who had presented themselves to be applied to his Service, or to leave them to take the best course they could for their own Subsistence. Of these, many were sent into *Ireland* with the Ships which carried the King's Goods, with recommendation to the Marquis of *Ormond*, "To put them into his Army till the King came thither. Since the *Scots* were no better dispos'd to serve, or receive the King for the present, his Majesty was resolv'd to give the Marquis of *Mountrose* all the Encouragement he desired to visit them, and to incline them to a better temper.

THERE was then at the *Hague*, *Cornificius Wolfelte*, Embassador extraordinary from the King of *Denmark* to the States General; who came with a great Train and great State, and was himself a Man of vanity and ostentation, and took pains to be thought so great a Man by his own Interest, that he did not enough extol the power of his Master; which prov'd his ruin after his return. He had left *Denmark* before the



News came thither of the Murder of the King, and so he had no Credentials for his Majesty, by reason whereof he could not receive any publick formal Audience; but desired "The King's leave that he might, as by accident, be admitted to speak to him at the Queen of *Bokemia's* Court; where his Majesty used to be every day; and there the Embassadour often spoke to him. The Marquis of *Mountrose* had found means to endear himself much to this Embassadour, who gave him encouragement to hope for a very good reception in *Denmark*, if the King would send him thither, and that he might obtain Arms and Ammunition there for *Scotland*. The Embassadour told him, "That, if the King would write a Letter to him to that purpose, he would presently supply him with some Money and Arms, in assurance that his Master would very well approve of what he should do. The Marquis of *Mountrose* well knew, that the King was not able to supply him with the least proportion of Money to begin his Journey; and therefore he had only propos'd, "That the King would give him Letters, in the form he prescrib'd, to several Princes in *Germany*, whose affections he pretended to know; which Letters he sent by several Officers, who were to bring the Soldiers or Arms they should obtain, to a Rendezvous he appointed near *Hamburg*; and resolv'd himself to go into *Sweden* and *Denmark*, in hope to get supplies in both those places, both from the Crowns, and by the contribution of many *Scottish* Officers, who had Command and Estates in those Countries; and to have Credentials, by virtue of which he might appear Embassadour extraordinary from the King, if he should find it expedient; though he did intend rather to negotiate his business in private, and without any publick Character. All this was resolv'd before his confidence, at least his familiarity with the Embassadour, was grown less. But, upon the Encouragement he had from him, he mov'd the King "For his Letter to the Embassadour, to assist the Marquis of *Mountrose* with his Advice, and with his Interest in *Denmark*, and in any other Court, to the end that he might obtain the Loan of Monies, Arms, and Ammunition, and whatever else was necessary to enable the Marquis to prosecute his intended Descent into *Scotland*. The King, glad that he did not press for ready Money, which he was not able to supply him with, gave him such Letters as he desired to all Persons, and particularly to the Embassadour himself, who, having order from his Master to present the King with a Sum of Money for his present occasions, never inform'd the King thereof, but advis'd *Mountrose* to procure such a Letter from his Majesty to him; which being done, the

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The Marquis  
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trofe goes to  
Hamburg.

Marquis receiv'd that Money from him, and likewise some Arms; with which he begun his unfortunate Enterprife; and prosecuted his Journey to *Hamburg*; where he expected to meet his *German* Troops, which he believ'd the Officers he had sent thither with the King's Letters would be well able to raise, with the assistance of those Princes to whom they had been sent. But he was carried on by a stronger assurance he had receiv'd from some prophecies, and predictions, to which he was naturally given, "That he should by his valour recover *Scotland* for the King, and from thence conduct an Army that should settle his Majesty in all his other Dominions.

THERE had been yet nothing done by the King with reference to *England* since the Murder of his Father; nor did there appear any thing, of any kind, to be attempted as yet there: there was so terrible a Consternation, that still possessed the Spirits of that People, that though Men's Affections were greater, and more general for the King, out of the Horror and Detestation they had of the late Parricide, yet the owning it was too penal for their broken Courage; nor was it believ'd possible for any Man to contribute any thing, at present, for their Deliverance. However most Men were of opinion, "That it was necessary for the King to publish some Declaration, that he might not seem utterly to give over his claim there; and to keep up the Spirits of his Friends. And many from *England*, who in the midst of their despair would give some Counsel, advis'd, "That there might be somewhat publish'd by the King that might give some Check to the general submitting to the *Engagement*, which was so universally pressed there. The King being every day advertis'd, how much this was desired and expected, and the *Scotish* Lords being of the same opinion, hoping that somewhat might be insert'd in it that might favour the Presbyterians, his Majesty propos'd at the Council "That there might be some draught prepar'd of a Proclamation, or Declaration, only with reference to the Kingdom of *England*; and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who had been most conversant in Instruments of that nature, was appointed to make one ready; though he had declared, "That he did not know what such a Declaration could contain, and therefore "that he thought it not seasonable to publish any. The Prince of *Orange* was present at that Council, and whether from his own opinion, or from the Suggestion of the *Scotish* Lords, who were much favour'd by him, he wish'd, "That, "in regard of the great differences which were in *England* "about matters of Religion, the King would offer, in this

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“ Declaration, to refer all matters in controversy concerning  
 “ Religion to a National Synod; in which there should be ad-  
 “ mitted some Forreign Divines from the Protestant Churches;  
 which he thought, would be a Popular Clause, and might be  
 acceptable abroad as well as at home: and the King believ’d  
 no objection could be made against it; and so thought fit such  
 a Clause should be inserted.

WITHIN a short time after the Council was parted, the  
 Prince of *Orange* sent for the Lord *Cottington*, and told him  
 “ He was not enough acquainted with the Chancellor of the  
 “ Exchequer, but desir’d him to intreat him not to be too  
 “ sharp in this Declaration, the end whereof was to Unite,  
 “ and Reconcile different Humours; and that he found many  
 “ had a great apprehension, that the sharpness of His Style  
 “ would irritate them much more. The Chancellor knew  
 well enough that this came from the Lord *Lautherdale*, and  
 he wish’d heartily that the Charge might be committed to  
 any Body else, protesting, “ That he was never less disposed  
 “ in his own conceptions, and reflections, to undertake any  
 “ such Task in his Life; and that he could not imagine how  
 “ it was possible for the King to publish a Declaration at that  
 “ time, (his first Declaration) without much sharpness against  
 “ the Murtherers of his Father; which no Body could speak  
 against; nor could he be excused from the Work impos’d  
 upon him: and the Prince of *Orange* assur’d him, “ It was  
 “ not That kind of sharpness which he wish’d should be de-  
 “ clined: and though he seem’d not willing farther to explain  
 himself, it was evident, that he wish’d that there might not  
 be any sharpness against the Presbyterians, for which there  
 was at that time no occasion.

THERE was one particular, which, without a full and di-  
 stinct Instruction, the Chancellor could not presume to ex-  
 press. The great end of this Declaration was to confirm the  
 Affection of as many as was possible for the King, and, con-  
 sequently, as few were to be made desperate, as might consist  
 with the King’s Honour, and necessary Justice, so that how-  
 ever that Clause, which was essential to a Declaration upon  
 his subject, concerning the Indemnity of Persons, should ex-  
 tend, was the question. And in this there was difference of  
 opinions; the most prevalent was, “ That no Persons should  
 be excepted from Pardon, but only such who had an im-  
 mediate hand in the execrable Murther of the King, by  
 being his Judges, and pronouncing that Sentence, and they  
 who perform’d the Execution. Others said, they “ Knew  
 that some were in the List of the Judges, and named by  
 the Parliament, who found Excuses to be absent; and others

that "Some who were not named, more contriv'd and contributed to that odious proceeding, than many of the Actors in it. But the resolution was, that the former should be only comprehended.

WHEN the Declaration was prepared, and read at the Board, there was a deep Silence, no Man speaking to any part of it. But another day was appointed for a second reading it, against which time every Man might be better prepared to speak to it: and in the mean time the Prince of *Orange*, in regard he was not a perfect Master of the *English* Tongue, desir'd he might have a Copy of it, that he might the better understand it. And the Chancellor of the Exchequer desir'd, "That not only the Prince of *Orange* might have a Copy, but that his Majesty would likewise have one, and, after he should have perus'd it himself, he would shew it to any other, who he thought was fit to advise with; there being many Lords and other Persons of Quality about him, who were not of the Council: and he mov'd, "That he might have liberty himself to Communicate it to some who were like to make a judgment, how far any thing of that Nature was like to be acceptable, and agreeable to the minds of the People; and named *Herbert* the Attorney General, and *Dr Steward* who was Dean of the Chappel; and His opinion, in all things relating to the Church, the King had been advis'd by his Father to submit to. All which was approv'd by the King, and, for that reason, a farther day was appointed for the second reading. The Issue was, that, except two or three of the Council, who were of one and the same opinion of the whole, there were not two Persons who were admitted to the perusal of it, who did not take some exception to it; though scarce two made the same exception.

*Different opinions in the King's Council about it when it was read.*

DOCTOR *Steward*, though a Man of a very good understanding, was so exceedingly griev'd at the Clause of admitting Forreign Divines into a Synod that was to Consult upon the Church of *England*, that he could not be satisfied by any Arguments that could be given of "The impossibility of any effect, or that the Parliament would accept the Overture; and that there could be no danger if it did, because the Number of those Forreign Divines must be still limited by the King; but came one Morning to the Chancellor, with whom he had a Friendship, and protested "He had not slept that Night, out of the Agony and Trouble, that He, who he knew lov'd the Church so well, should consent to a Clause so much against the Honour of it; and went from him to the King, to beseech him never to approve it. Some were of opinion "That there were too few excepted from

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Pardon; by which the King would not have Confiscations enough to satisfy, and reward his Party: and others thought, that there were too many excepted; and that it was not prudence to make so many Men desperate; but that it would be sufficient to except *Cromwell*, and *Bradshaw*, and three or four more of those whose Malice was most notorious; the whole Number not to exceed Six.

THE *Scots* did not value the Clause for Forreign Divines, who, they knew, could perswade little in an *English* Synod; but they were implacably offended, that the King mention'd the Government of the Church of *England*, and the Book of Common-Prayer, with so much Reverence and Devotion; which was the sharpness they most fear'd of the Chancellor's Style, when they thought now the Covenant to be necessary to be insisted upon more than ever. So that, when the Declaration was read at the Board the second time, most Men being mov'd with the discourses, and fears which were express'd abroad of some ill effects it might produce, it was more faintly Debated, and Men seem'd not to think that the publishing any, at this time, was of so much importance, as they formerly had conceiv'd it to be. By all which Men may judge, how hard a thing it was for the King to resolve, and act with that steadiness and resolution, which the most unprosperous Condition doth more require than the State that is less perplex'd and intangled. Thus the Declaration slept without farther proposition to publish any.

Upon which  
it was laid  
aside.

ALL things being now as much provided for as they were like to be, the two Embassadors for *Spain* were very solicitous to begin their Journey, the King being at last resolv'd not to give his Mother the trouble of making a Journey to meet him, but to go himself directly to *St German's*, where her Majesty was. The Prince of *Orange*, to advance that resolution, had promis'd to supply the King with twenty thousand pounds; which was too great a Loan for him to make, who had already great debts upon him, though it was very little for the enabling the King to discharge the debts He and his Family had contracted at the *Hague*, and to make his Journey. Out of the Sum the Lord *Cottington*, and the Chancellor, were to receive so much as was design'd to defray their Journey to *Paris*: what was necessary for the discharge of their Embassy, or for making their Journey from *Paris*, was not yet provided. The King had some hope, that the Duke of *Lorraine* would lend him some Money; which he design'd for this service; which made it necessary that they should immediately resort to *Brussels*, to finish that Negotiation, and from thence to prosecute their Journey.

IN the soliciting their first dispatch at the *Hague*, they made a discovery that seem'd very strange to them, though afterwards it was a truth that was very notorious. Their Journey having been put off some days, only for the receipt of that small Sum, which was to be paid them out of the Money to be lent by the Prince of *Orange*; and *Hemflet* the Prince's chief Officer in such affairs of Money having been some days at *Amsterdam* to negotiate that Loan, and no Money being return'd, they believ'd that there was some affected delay; and so went to the Prince of *Orange*, who had advis'd, and was well pleas'd with that Embassy, to know when that Money would be ready for the King, that he might likewise resolve upon the time for his own Journey. The Prince told them, he believ'd, "That They, who knew *London* so well, and "had heard so much discourse of the wealth of *Holland*, "would wonder very much that he should have been endeavoring above ten days to borrow twenty thousand pounds; "and that the richest Men in *Amsterdam* had promised him "to supply him with it, and that one half of it was not yet "provided. He said, "It was not that there was any question of his credit, which was very good; and that the security he gave, was as good as any Body desir'd, and upon "which he could have double the Sum in less time, if he "would receive it in Paper, which was the Course of that "Country; where bargains being made for one hundred thousand pounds to be paid within ten days, it was never known "that twenty thousand pounds were paid together in one "Town; but by Bills upon *Rotterdam*, *Harlem*, the *Hague*, "and *Antwerp*, and other places, which was as convenient, "or more, to all Parties; and he did verily believe, that "though *Amsterdam* could pay a Million within a Month, "upon any good occasion, yet they would be troubled to "bring twenty thousand pounds together into any one Room; "and that was the true reason, that the Money was not yet "brought to the *Hague*; which it should be within few days, as it was accordingly.

The Embassadors for Spain begin their journey.

THE Embassadors took their leave of the King at the *Hague* before the middle of *May*, and had a Yatch from the Prince of *Orange*, that attended them at *Rotterdam*, and transported them with great convenience to *Antwerp*, where the Chancellor's Wife and his Family were arriv'd ten days before, and were settled in a good and convenient House; where the Lord *Cottingham* and He both Lodg'd whilst they stay'd in that City. There they met the Lord *Fermyn* in his way towards the King, to hasten the King's Journey into *France*, upon the Queen's great importunity. He was very glad

glad they were both come away from the King, and believ'd he should more easily prevail with his Majesty in all things, as indeed he did. After two or three days stay at *Antwerp*, they went to *Brussels* to deliver their Credentials both to the Arch-Duke, and the Duke of *Lorraine*, and to visit the *Spanish* Ministers, and, upon their Landing at *Brussels*, they took it for a good Omen, that they were assured "That *le Brune*, who had been one of the Plenipotentiaries at the Treaty at *Munster*, on the behalf of the King of *Spain*, was then in that Town with Credentials to visit the King, and to condole with him. They had an Audience, the next day, of the Arch-Duke: they perform'd the Compliments to him from the King, and inform'd him of their Embassy into *Spain*, and desir'd his recommendation, and good Offices in that Court; which he, according to his slow, and formal way of speaking, consented to: and they had no more to do with Him, but receiv'd the visits from the Officers, in his Name, according to the style of that Court. Their main business was with the Duke of *Lorraine*, to procure Money for their Journey into *Spain*.

*They visit  
the Duke of  
Lorraine at  
Brussels.*

THE Duke was a Prince that liv'd in a different manner from all other Sovereign Princes in the World: from the time, that he had been driven out of his Country by *France*, he had retir'd to *Brussels* with his Army, which he kept up very strong, and serv'd the King of *Spain* with it against the *French*, upon such terms, and conditions, as were made, and renew'd every year between them; by which he receiv'd great Sums of Money yearly from the *Spaniards*, and was sure very rich in Money. He always Commanded apart in the Field, his Officers receiv'd no Orders but from himself: He always agreed at the Council of War what he should do, and his Army was in truth the best part of the *Spanish* Forces. In the Town of *Brussels* he liv'd without any order, method, or state of a Prince, except towards the *Spaniards* in his Treaties, and being present in their Councils, where he always kept his full Dignity: otherwise, he liv'd in a jolly familiarity with the Bourgeois and their Wives, and feasted with them, but scarce kept a Court or any number of Servants, or Retinue. The House wherein he liv'd was a very ordinary one, and not furnish'd; nor was he often there, or easy to be found; so that the Embassadors could not easily send to him for an Audience. He receiv'd them in a lower Room with great Courtesy and Familiarity; and visited them at their own Lodging. He was a Man of great Wit, and presence of Mind, and, if he had not affected extravagancies, no Man knew better how to act the Prince. He lov'd his Money very much; yet the Lord *Cottington's* dexterity and address, prevail'd with him to lend the

King two thousand Pistols ; which was all that was in their view for defraying their Embassy. But they hoped they should procure some supply in *Spain*, out of which their own necessary Expences must be provided for.

THERE were two *Spaniards*, by whom all the Councils there were govern'd and conducted, and which the Arch-Duke himself could not controul ; the Conde of *Pignoranda* ( who was newly come from *Munster*, being the other Plenipotentiary there ; and staid only at *Brussels*, in expectation of renewing the Treaty again with *France* ; but, whilst he staid there, was in the highest Trust of all the Affairs ) and the Conde of *Fuensaldagna*, who was the Governour of the Arms, and Commanded the Army next under the Arch-Duke ; which was a subordination very little inferior to the being General. They were both very able and expert Men in business, and if they were not very wise Men, that Nation had none. The former was a Man of the Robe, of a great Wit, and much Experience, Proud, and, if he had not been a little too Pedantick, might very well be look'd upon as a very extraordinary Man, and was much improv'd by the excellent temper of *le Brune* (the other Plenipotentiary) who was indeed a wise Man, and by seeming to defer in all things to *Pignoranda*, govern'd him. The Conde of *Fuensaldagna* was of a much better temper, more industry, and more insinuations than *Spaniards* use to have : His greatest Talent lay to Civil business ; yet he was the best General of that time to all other offices and purposes, than what were necessary in the hour of Battle, when he was not so present and compos'd as at all other seasons.

BOTH these receiv'd the Embassadors with the usual Civilities, and return'd their visits to their own Lodging, but seem'd not pleas'd with their Journey to *Madrid*, and spoke much of the necessities that Crown was in, and its disability to assist the King ; which the Embassadors imputed to the influence *Don Alonzo de Cardenas* had upon them both ; who remain'd still under the same Character in *England* he had done for many years before. The same Civilities were perform'd between *le Brune* and them ; who treated them with much more freedom, and encourag'd them to hope well from their Negotiation in *Spain* ; acquainted them with his own Instructions, " To give the King all assurance of the affection " of his Catholick Majesty, and of his readiness to do any " thing for him that was in his power. He said, " He only " deferr'd his Journey, because he heard that the King intend- " ed to spend some time at *Breda* ; and he had rather attend " him There, than at the *Hague*.

WHEN the Embassadors had dispatch'd all their business



at *Brussels*, and receiv'd the Money from the Duke of *Lorraine*, they return'd to *Antwerp*; where they were to Negotiate for the return of their Monies to *Madrid*; which requir'd very much wariness, the Bills from thence finding now more difficulties at *Madrid*, than they had done in former times.

By the Letters my Lord *Fermyn* brought, and the opportunity he us'd, the King resolv'd to begin his Journey sooner than he thought to have done, that is sooner than he thought he should have been able, all provisions being to begin to be made both for his Journey into *France*, and from thence into *Ireland*, after the Money was receiv'd that should pay for them. But the Queen's impatience was so great to see his Majesty, that the Prince of *Orange*, and the Princess Royal his Wife, were as impatient to give her that satisfaction. Though her Majesty could not justly dislike any resolution the King had taken, nor could imagine whither he should go but into *Ireland*, she was exceedingly displeas'd that any Resolution at all had been taken before she was consult'd. She was angry that the Counsellors were chosen without her directions, and looked upon all that had been done, as done in order to exclude her from meddling in the Affairs; all which she imputed principally to the Chancellor of the Exchequer; nevertheless she was not pleas'd with the design of the Negotiation in *Spain*. For though she had no confidence of his affection to her, or rather of his complying with all her Commands, yet she had all confidence in his Duty and Integrity to the King, and therefore wish'd he should be still about his Person, and trusted in his business; which she thought him much fitter for than such a Negotiation, which she believ'd, out of her natural prejudice to *Spain*, would produce no advantage to the King.

THAT the Queen might receive some content, in knowing that the King had begun his Journey, the Prince of *Orange* desir'd him; "Whilst his Servants prepar'd what was necessary at the *Hague*, that Himself, and that part of his Train that was ready, would go to *Breda*, and stay there till the rest were ready to come up to him; that being his best way to *Flanders*, through which he must pass into *France*. *Breda* was a Town of the Prince's own, where he had a handsome Palace and Castle, and a place where the King might have many Divertisements. Hither the *Spanish* Embassadour *le Brune*, came to attend his Majesty, and deliver'd his Master's Compliments to his Majesty, and offer'd his own Services to him, whilst he should remain in those Provinces; he being at that time design'd to remain Embassadour to the United Provinces; as he did; and died shortly after at the *Hague* with a general regret.

regret. He was born a Subject to the King of *Spain* (in that part of *Burgundy* that was under his Dominion; and having been from his youth always bred in business, and being a Man of great Parts, and Temper, he might very well be looked upon as one of the best States-men in Christendom, and who best understood the true Interest of all the Princes of *Europe*.

AS SOON as the Lord *Cottington*, and the Chancellor, heard of the King's being at *Breda*, and that he intended to hasten his Journey for *France*, they resolv'd, having in truth not yet Negotiated all things necessary for their Journey, to stay till the King passed by, and not to go to *St Germain's* till the first Interview, and Eclaircissements were passed between the King and Queen, that they might then be the better able to judge what Weather was like to be.

Thence to  
Antwerp:

THE King was receiv'd at *Antwerp* with great Magnificence: He enter'd in a very rich Coach with six Horses, which the Arch-Duke sent a present to him when he came into the *Spanish* Dominions: He was treated there, at the Charge of the City, very splendidly for two days: and went then to *Brussels*, where he was lodged in the Palace, and Royally entertain'd. But the *French* Army, under the Command of the *Conte de Harcourt*, was two days before set down before *Cambray*; with the News whereof the *Spanish* Council was surpris'd, and in so much disorder, that the Arch-Duke was gone to the Army to *Mons*, and *Valenciennes*, whilst the King was in *Antwerp*; so that the King was receiv'd only by his Officers; who perform'd their parts very well.

Thence to  
Brussels.

HERE the *Conde* of *Pignoranda* waited upon the King in the Quality of an Embassadour, and cover'd. And his Majesty staid here three or four days, not being able suddainly to resolve which way he should pass into *France*. But he was not troubled long with that doubt; for the *French* thought to have surpris'd that Town, and to have cast up their Line of Circumvallation before any Supplies could be put in; but the *Conde Fuensaldagna* found a way to put seven or eight hundred Foot into the Town; upon which the *French* rais'd the Siege: and so the King made his Journey by the usual way; and, near *Valenciennes*, had an Interview with the Arch-Duke; and, after some short Ceremonies, continued on his Journey, and lodged at *Cambray*; where he was likewise treated by the *Conde de Garcies*, who was Governour there, and a very civil Gentleman.

The King  
had an in-  
terview with  
the Arch-  
Duke near  
*Valenci-  
ennes*.

ABOUT a week after the King left *Brussels*, the two Embassadours prosecuted their Journey for *Paris*; where they staid onely one day, and then went to *St Germain's*; where the King and the Queen his Mother, with both their Families, and

and the Duke of *York's*, then were; by whom they were receiv'd graciously. They had no reason to repent their caution in staying so long behind the King, for they found the Court so full of jealousy and disorder, that every Body was glad that they were come. After the first two or three days that the King and Queen had been together, which were spent in tears and lamentations for the great alteration that had happen'd since their last parting, the Queen begun to confer with the King of his business, and what course he meant to take; in which she found him so reserv'd, as if he had no mind she should be conversant in it. He made no Apologies to her; which she expected; nor any professions of resigning himself up to her Advice. On the contrary, upon some expostulations, he had told her plainly, "That he would always perform his Duty towards her with great affection and exactness, but that in his business he would obey his own reason and judgment; and did as good as desire her not to trouble her self in his Affairs: and finding her passions strong, he frequently retired from her with some abruptness, and seem'd not to desire to be so much in her Company as she expected; and prescribed some new rules to be observ'd in his own retirement, which he had not been accusom'd to.

THIS kind of unexpected behaviour gave the Queen much trouble. She begun to think, that this distance, which the King seem'd to affect, was more than the Chancellor of the Exchequer could wish; and that there was some Body else, who did her more disservice: insomuch as to the Ladies who were about her, whereof some were very much his Friends, she seem'd to wish, that the Chancellor were come. There was a Gentleman, who was newly come from *England*, and who came to the *Hague* after the Chancellor had taken his leave of the King, and had been ever since very close about him, being one of the Grooms of his Bed-Chamber, one Mr *Thomas Elliot*, a Person spoken of before; whom the King's Father had formerly sent into *France*, at the same time that he resolv'd the Prince should go for the West; and for no other reason, but that he should not attend upon his Son. And he had given order, "That if he should return out of *France*, and come into the West, the Council should not suffer him to be about the Prince; with whom he thought he had too much Credit, and would use it ill; and he had never seen the Prince from the time he left *Oxford* till now. He was a bold Man, and spoke all things confidently, and had not that reverence for the late King which he ought to have had; and less for the Queen; though he had great obligations to both; yet being not so great as he had a mind to, he look'd upon them as none

Mr Elliot  
comes to the  
King: his influence upon  
his Majesty.

none at all. This Gentleman came to the King just as he left the *Hague*, and both as he was a new Comer, and as one for whom his Majesty had formerly much kindness, was very well receiv'd; and being one who would receive no injury from his modesty, made the favour the King shew'd him as bright, and to shine as much in the Eyes of all Men, as was possible. He was never from the Person of the King, and always whispering in his Ear, taking upon him to understand the sense and opinion of all the Loyal Party in *England*: And when he had a mind that the King should think well, or ill of any Man, he told him, "That he was much belov'd by, or very odious to all his Party there. By these infusions, he had prevailed with him to look with less grace upon the Earl of *Bristol*, who came from *Caen* (where he had hitherto resided) to kiss his hands, than his own good Nature would have inclined him to; and more to discountenance the Lord *Digby*, and to tell him plainly, "That he should not serve him in the place of Secretary of State; in which he had serv'd his Father, and from which Men have seldom been remov'd upon the Descent of the Crown; and not to admit either Father or Son to be of his Council; which was more extraordinary. He told the King, "It would be the most unpopular thing he could do, and which would lose him more Hearts in *England* than any other thing, if he were thought "to be govern'd by his Mother. And in a Month's time that he had been about the King, he begun already to be look'd upon as very like to become the Favourite. He had used the Queen with wonderful neglect when she spoke to him, and had got so much Interest with the King, that he had procured a promise from his Majesty to make Colonel *Windham*, whose Daughter Mr *Elliot* had Married, Secretary of State; an honest Gentleman, but extreme unequal to that Province; towards which he could not pretend a better qualification, than that his Wife had been Nurse to the Prince, who was now King.

IN these kind of humours and indispositions the Embassadors found the Court, when they came to *St Germain's*. They had, during their stay at *Paris*, in their way to Court, conferr'd with the Earl of *Bristol*, and his Son the Lord *Digby*; who breath'd out their Grievs to them; and the Lord *Digby* was the more troubled to find that Mr *Elliot*, who was a known and declared Enemy of his, had gotten so much Credit with the King, as to be able to satisfy his own malice upon him by the countenance of his Majesty; in whom, he knew, the King his Father desired, that he should of all Men have the least Interest. After they had been a day or two there, the Chancellor of the Exchequer thinking it his Duty to say some-

somewhat to the Queen in particular, and knowing that she expected he should do so, and the King having told him at large all that had passed with his Mother, and the ill humour she was in (all which his Majesty related in a more exalted Dialect than he had been accusom'd to) and his Majesty being very willing to understand what the Queen thought upon the whole, the Chancellor asked a private Audience; which her Majesty readily granted. And after she had gently expostulated upon the old passages at *Fersey*, she concluded with the mention of the great confidence the King her Husband had always repos'd in him, and thereupon renew'd her own gracious professions of good will towards him. Then she complain'd, not without tears, of the King's unkindness towards her, and of his way of living with her, of some expressions he had used in discourse in her own presence, and of what he had said in other places, and of the great credit Mr *Elliot* had with him, and of his rude behaviour towards her Majesty, and lastly of the incredible design of making *Windham* Secretary; "Who, besides his other unfitness, she said, "Would be sure "to joyn with the other to lessen the King's kindness to her "all they could. The Chancellor, after he had made all the professions of duty to her Majesty which became him, and said what he really believ'd of the King's kindness and respect for her, ask'd her, "Whether she would give him leave to take "notice of any thing she had said to him, or, in general, that "he found her Majesty unsatisfied with the King's unkindness? The Queen replied, "That she was well contented he "should take notice of every thing She had said; and, above "all of his purpose to make *Windham* Secretary: of which the King had not made the least mention, though he had taken notice to him of most other things the Queen had said to him.

*A private Audience of the Chancellor with the Queen.*

THE Chancellor, shortly after, found an opportunity to inform the King of all that had passed from the Queen, in such a method as might give him occasion to enlarge upon all the particulars. The King heard him very greedily, and protested, "That he desir'd nothing more than to live very "well with the Queen; towards whom he would never fail "in his Duty, as far as was consistent with his Honour, and "the good of his Affairs; which, at present, it may be, requir'd more reservation towards the Queen, and to have it "believ'd that he Communicated less with Her than he did, "or than he intended to do: that, if he did not seem to be "desirous of her Company, it was only when she griev'd him "by some Importunities, in which he could not satisfy her; "and that her exception against *Elliot* was very unjust; and "that

“that he knew well the Man to be very honest, and that he  
 “lov’d him well; and that the prejudice the King his Father  
 “had against him, was only by the malice of the Lord *Digby*,  
 “who hated him without a cause, and had likewise inform’d  
 “the Queen of some fallhoods, which had incens’d her Ma-  
 “jesty against him; and seem’d throughout much concern’d  
 to justify *Elliot*, against whom the Chancellor himself had no  
 exceptions, but receiv’d more respects from him than he paid  
 to most other Men.

WHEN the Chancellor spoke of making *Windham* Secretary, the King did not own the having promised to do it, but “That he intended to do it: The Chancellor said, “He was  
 “glad he had not promised it; and that he hoped, he would  
 “never do it: that he was an honest Gentleman, but in no  
 “degree qualified for that Office. He put him in mind of  
 Secretary *Nicholas*, who was then there to present his Duty  
 to him; “That he was a Person of such known affection and  
 “honesty, that he could not do a more ungracious thing than  
 “to pass Him by. The King said, “He thought Secretary  
 “*Nicholas* to be a very honest Man; but he had no title to  
 “that Office more than another Man: that Mr *Windham* had  
 “not any experience in that Employment, but that it de-  
 “pended so much upon forms, that he would quickly be in-  
 “structed in it: that he was a very honest Man, for whom  
 “he had never done any thing, and had now nothing else to  
 “give him but this place; for which he doubted not but, in  
 “a short time, he would make himself very fit. All that the  
 Chancellor could prevail with his Majesty, was to suspend  
 the doing it for some time, and that he would hear him again  
 upon the Subject, before he took a final Resolution. For the  
 rest, he promised “To speak upon some particulars with the  
 “Queen, and to live with her with all kindness and free-  
 “dom that she might be in good humour. But he heard  
 Her, and all others, very unwillingly, who spoke against Mr  
*Windham’s* Parts for being Secretary of State.

ONE day the Lord *Cottingham*, when the Chancellor and  
 some others were present, told the King very gravely (ac-  
 cording to his custom, who never smiled when he made  
 others merry) “That he had an humble Suit to him, on the  
 “behalf of an old Servant of his Father’s, and whom, he as-  
 “sured him upon his knowledge, his Father lov’d as well as  
 “he did any Man of that condition in *England*; and that he  
 “had been for many years one of his Falconers; and he did  
 “really believe him to be one of the best Falconers in *Eng-  
 “land*; and thereupon enlarged himself (as he could do very  
 well, in all the terms of that Science) to shew how very  
 skil-

skilful he was in that Art. The King asked him, "What he would have him do for him? *Cottington* told him, "It was very true that his Majesty kept no Falconers, and the poor Man was grown old, and could not Ride as he had used to do; but that he was a very honest Man, and could Read very well, and had as audible a voice as any Man need to have; and therefore besought his Majesty, "That he would make him his Chaplain; which speaking with so composed a Countenance, and somewhat of earnestness, the King looked upon him with a smile to know what he meant; when He, with the same gravity, assured him, "The Falconer was in all respects as fit to be his Chaplain, as Colonel *Windham* was to be Secretary of State; which so surpris'd the King, who had never spoken to him of the matter, all that were present being not able to abstain from laughing, that his Majesty was somewhat out of Countenance: and this being merrily told by some of the Standers by, it grew to be a story in all Companies, and did really divert the King from the purpose, and made the other so much ashamed of pretending to it, that there was no more discourse of it.

WHILST all Endeavours were used to compose all ill humours here, that the King might prosecute his intended Voyage for *Ireland*, there came very ill news from *Ireland*. As soon as the Marquis of *Ormond* was arriv'd, as hath been said before, the Confederate Catholicks, who held their Assembly, as they had always done, at *Kilkenny*, sent Commissioners to him to Congratulate his Arrival, and to enter upon a Treaty of Peace, that they might all return to their Obedience to the King. But the inconstancy of that Nation was such, that, notwithstanding their experience of the ruin they had brought upon themselves by their falling from their former Peace, and notwithstanding that themselves had sent to *Paris* to importune the Queen and the Prince to send the Marquis of *Ormond* back to them, with all promises and protestations that they would not insist upon any unreasonable Concessions; now he was come upon their invitation to them, they made new demands in point of Religion, and insisted upon other things, which if he should consent to, would have irreconciled all the *English*, who were under the Lord *Inchiquin*, upon whom his principal confidence was placed: By this means so much time was spent, that the Winter passed without any agreement; whereby they might have advanc'd against the Parliament Forces, which were then weak, and in want of all manner of Supplies, whilst the distractions continu'd in *England* between the Parliament and the Army, the divisions in the Army, and the prosecution of the King; during

*An account of the affairs in Ireland after the Marquis of Ormond's arrival there.*

during which the Governours there had work enough to look to themselves; and left *Ireland* to provide for it self: and if that unfortunate People would have made use of the advantages that were offer'd, that Kingdom might indeed have been entirely Reduced to the King's Obedience.

THAT the Lord Lieutenant might even compel them to preserve themselves, he went himself to *Kilkenny*, where the Council sat, about *Christmas*, after three months had been spent from his arrival, that no more time might be lost in their Commissioners coming and going, and that the Spring might not be lost as well as the Winter. And at last a Peace was made and concluded; by which, against such a day, the Confederate Catholics oblig'd themselves, "To bring into the Field, a body of Horse and Foot, with all provisions for the Field, which should be at the disposal of the Lord Lieutenant, and to march as he should appoint. The Treaty had been drawn out into the more length, in hope to have brought the whole Nation to the same agreement. And the General Assembly, to which they all pretended to submit, and from which all had receiv'd their Commissions; as hath been said, sent to *Owen O Neile*, who remain'd in *Ulster* with his Army, and came not himself to *Kilkenny*, as he had promis'd to have done, upon pretence of his Indisposition of health. He profess'd "To submit to whatsoever the General Assembly should determine: but when they sent the Articles, to which they had agreed, to be sign'd by him, he took several exceptions, especially in matters of Religion; which he thought was not enough provided for; and in the end, positively declar'd "That he would not submit, or be bound by them: and at the same time he sent to the Marquis of *Ormond*, "That he would treat with him apart, and not concern himself in what the Assembly resolv'd upon.

THE truth is, there was nothing of Religion in this contention; which proceeded from the Animosity between the two Generals, *O Neile* and *Preston*, and the bitter Faction between the old *Irish* and the other, who were as much hated by the old, as the *English* were; and lastly, from the Ambition of *Owen O Neile*; who expected some Concessions to be made to him in his own particular, which would very much have offended and incensed the other Party, if they had been granted to him: so that the Assembly was well pleased to leave him out, and concluded the Peace without him.

HEREUPON the Lord Lieutenant used all possible endeavours that the Army might be form'd, and ready to march in the beginning of the Spring. And though there

was



was not an appearance answerable to their promise, yet their Troops seem'd so good, and were so numerous, that he thought fit to march towards *Dublin*; and, in the way, to take all Castles and Garrisons, which were possess'd by the Parliament: in which they had very good Success. For many of the Parliament Soldiers having serv'd the King, they took the first opportunity, upon the Marquis of *Ormond's* approach within any distance, to come to him; and by that means several places Surrender'd likewise to him. Colonel *Monk*, who had formerly serv'd the King, and remain'd, for the space of three or four years, Prisoner in the Tower, had been at last prevail'd with by the Lord *Lisle* to serve the Parliament against the *Irish*; pleasing himself with an opinion that he did not therein serve against the King. He was at this time Governour of *Dundalk*, a Garrison about thirty miles from *Dublin*; which was no sooner summon'd (*Tredagh*, and those at a nearer distance, being taken) but he was compell'd by his own Soldiers to deliver it up; and if the Officer who Commanded the Party which Summon'd him, had not been his Friend, and thereby hop'd to have reduced him to the King's Service, his Soldiers would have thrown him over the Walls, and made their own conditions afterwards; and most of that Garrison betook themselves to the King's Service.

UPON all these Encouragements, before the Troops were come up to make the Army as numerous as it might have been, the Marquis was perswaded to block up *Dublin* at a very little distance; having good reason to hope, from the smallness of the Garrison, and a Party of well affected People within the Town, that it would in a short time have been given up to him. In the mean time, he us'd all the means he could to hasten the *Irish* Troops, some whereof were upon their march, and others not yet rais'd, to come up to the Army. By all their Letters from *London* (with which, by the way of *Dublin*, and the Ports of *Munster*, there was good Intelligence) they understood, that there were fifteen hundred, or two thousand Men shipp'd for *Ireland*: and the wind having been for some time against their coming for *Dublin*, there was an apprehension that they might be gone for *Mun-*

The Marquis  
of Ormond  
blocks up  
Dublin.

ster: whereupon the Lord *Inchiquin*, who was not confident of all his Garrisons there, very unhappily departed with some Troops of Horse to look after his Province; there being then no cause to apprehend any sally out of *Dublin*, where they were not in a condition to look out of their own Walls. But he was not gone above two days, when the Wind com-

The Lord In-  
chiquin de-  
parts from  
him for  
Munster.

Recruits  
land at  
Dublin from  
and  
England.

*Jones sallies  
out of Dub-  
lin, and  
beats the  
Marquis of  
Ormond's  
Army.*

and landed a greater number of Soldiers, especially of Horse, than was reported; and brought the News that *Cromwell* himself was made Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and intended to be shortly there with a very great supply of Horse and Foot. This Fleet that was already come, had brought Arms, and Cloaths, and Money, and Victuals; which much exalted the Garrison and the City; which presently turn'd out of the Town some of those who were suspected to wish well to the Marquis of *Ormond*, and imprison'd others. The second day after the arrival of the Succour, *Jones*, who had been a Lawyer, and was then Governour of *Dublin*, at Noon-day, march'd out of the City, with a Body of three thousand Foot, and three or four Troops of Horse, and fell upon that Quarter which was next the Town; where they found so little resistance that they adventur'd upon the next; and in short so disorder'd the whole Army, one half whereof was on the other side the River, that the Lord Lieutenant, after he had, in the head of some Officers whom he drew together, Charg'd the Enemy with the loss of many of those who follow'd him, was at last compell'd to draw off the whole Army, which was so discomfited, that he did not think fit to return them again to their Posts, till both the Troops which he had were refresh'd, and compos'd, and their Numbers increased by the Levies which ought to have been made before, and which were now in a good forwardness.

*Cromwell  
made Lord  
Lieutenant  
of Ireland.*

It may be remember'd, that the general Insurrections in the last Year, the revolt of the Navy, and the Invasion of the *Scots*, encouraged and drawn in by the Presbyterian Party, had so disturb'd and obstructed the Counsels both in the Parliament, and in the Army, that nothing had been done in all that year towards the relief of *Ireland*, except the sending over the Lord *Lisle* as Lieutenant, with a Commission that was determin'd at the end of so many Months, and which had given so little relief to the *English*, that it only discover'd more their weakness, and animosity towards each other, than obstructed the *Irish* in making their progress in all the parts of the Kingdom; and the more confirm'd the Lord *Inchiquin*, to pursue his Resolution of serving the King, and receiving the Marquis of *Ormond*, how meanly soever attended, and to unite with the *Irish*; the perfecting of which conjunction, with so general a success, brought so great reproach upon the Parliament, with reference to the loss of *Ireland*, that the noise thereof was very great: So that *Cromwell* thought it high time, in his own Person, to appear upon a Stage of so great Action. There had been always Men enough to be spar'd out of the Army to have been sent upon that Expedition, when  
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the other difficulties were at highest; but the conducting it then was of that importance, that it was, upon the matter, to determine which power should be superior, the Presbyterian or the Independent. And therefore the one had set up and design'd *Waller* for that command; and *Cromwell*, against Him and that Party, had insisted, that it should be given to *Lambert*, the second Man of the Army, who was known to have as great a detestation of the Presbyterian power, as he had of the Prerogative of the Crown: and the Contests between the two Factions, which of these should be sent, had spent a great part of the last year, and of their Winter Counsels. But now, when all the Domestick differences were compos'd by their successes in the field, and the bloody prosecution of their civil Counsels, so that there could be little done to the disturbance of the Peace of *England*, and when *Waller's* Friends were so suppress'd, that he was no more thought of, *Cromwell* began to think that the committing the whole Government of *Ireland*, with such an Army as was necessary to be sent thither, was too great a Trust even for his beloved *Lambert* himself, and was to lessen his own power and authority, both in the Army which was commanded by *Fairfax*, and in the other, that, being in *Ireland*, would, upon any occasion, have great influence upon the Affairs of *England*. And therefore, whilst there appear'd no other obstructions in the relief of *Ireland* (which was every day loudly call'd for) than the determining who should take that Charge, some of his Friends, who were always ready upon such occasions, on a suddain propos'd *Cromwell* Himself the Lieutenant General, to conduct that Expedition.

*CROMWELL* himself was always absent when such Overtures were to be made; and whoever had propos'd *Lambert*, had propos'd it as a thing most agreeable to *Cromwell's* desire; and therefore, when they heard *Cromwell* Himself propos'd for the service, and by those who they were sure intended him no affront, they immediately acquiesced in the Proposition, and look'd upon the change as a good expedient: on the other side, the Presbyterian party was no less affected, and concluded that it was only a trick to defer the service, and that he never did intend to go thither in Person; or that if he did, his absence from *England* would give them all the advantages they could wish, and that they should then recover entirely their General *Fairfax* to their Party; who was already much broken in Spirit upon the concurrence he had been drawn to, and declar'd some bitterness against the Persons who had led him to it. And so in a moment both Parties were agreed, and *Oliver Cromwell* elected and declar'd to be Lord Lieute-

nant of *Ireland*, with as ample, and independent a Commission, as could be prepar'd.

CROMWELL, how little surpris'd soever with this designation, appear'd the next day in the House full of confusion and irresolution; which the natural temper, and composure of his understanding could hardly avoid, when he least desir'd it; and therefore, when it was now to his purpose, he could act it to the life. And after much hesitation, and many expressions of "His own unworthiness, and disability to support so great a Charge, and of the entire resignation of himself to Their commands, and absolute dependence upon God's providence and blessing, from whom he had receiv'd many Instances of his Favour, he submitted to their good will and pleasure; and desir'd them "That no more time might be lost in the preparations which were to be made for so great a Work; for he did confess that Kingdom to be reduced to so great streights, that he was willing to engage his own Person in this expedition, for the difficulties which appear'd in it; and more out of hope, with the hazard of his life, to give some obstructions to the success'es which the Rebels were at present exalted with (for so he call'd the Marquis of *Ormond*, and all who joyn'd with him) "That so the Commonwealth might retain still some footing in that Kingdom, till they might be able to send fresh Supplies, than out of any expectation, that, with the strength he carried, he should be able, in any signal degree, to prevail over them.

He provides  
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going thither.

IT was an incredible expedition that he us'd from this minute after his assuming that Charge, in the raising of Money, providing of Shipping, and drawing of Forces together, for this enterprize. Before he could be ready himself to march, he sent three thousand Foot and Horse to *Milford Haven*, to be Transported, as soon as they arriv'd there, to *Dublin*; all things being ready there for their Transportation; which Troops, by the contrary Winds, were constrain'd to remain there for many days. And that caus'd the report in *Ireland*, by the intelligence from *London*, that *Cromwell* intended to make a descent in *Munster*; which unhappily divided the Lord *Inchiquin*, and a good Body of his Men from the Lord Lieutenant, as hath been said, when he march'd towards *Dublin*. Nor did the Marquis of *Ormond* in truth at that time intend to have march'd thither with that expedition, until his Army should be grown more numerous, and more accusom'd to discipline, but the wonderful success'es of those Troops, which were sent before, in the taking of *Trim*, *Dundalk*, and all the out Garrisons, and the invitation and intelligence he had from within *Dublin*, made him unwilling to lose any more time,

time, since he was sure that the crofness of the Wind only hinder'd the arrival of those Supplies, which were design'd thither out of *England*: and the arrival of those Supplies, the very day before his coming before *Dublin*, enabled the Governour thereof to make that Sally which is mention'd before; and had that Success which is mention'd.

THE Marquis of *Ormond*; at that time, drew off his whole Army from *Dublin* to *Tredagh*, where he meant to remain till he could put it into such a posture, that he might prosecute his farther design. And a full account of all these particulars met *Cromwell* at his arrival at *Milford Haven*, when he rather expected to hear of the loss of *Dublin*, and was in great perplexity to resolve what he was then to do. But all those clouds being dispersed, upon the news of the great success his Party had that he had sent before, he deferr'd not to Embark his whole Army, and, with a very prosperous Wind, arriv'd at *Dublin* within two or three days after the Marquis of *Ormond* had retired from thence; where he was receiv'd with wonderful Acclamation; which did not retard him from pursuing his active resolutions, to improve those advantages had already befallen him. And the Marquis of *Ormond* was no sooner advertis'd of his arrival, than he concluded to change his former resolution, and to draw his Army to a greater distance, till those Parties which were marching towards him from the several Quarters of the Kingdom, might come up to him; and in the mean while to put *Tredagh* into so good a posture, as might entertain the Enemy, till he might be able to relieve them. And so he put into that place, which was looked upon, besides the strength of the Situation, to be in a good degree fortified, the flower of his Army, both of Soldiers, and Officers, most of them *English*, to the number of three thousand Foot, and two or three good Troops of Horse. provided with all things; and committed the charge and command thereof to Sr *Arthur Aston*, who hath been often mention'd before, and was an Officer of great name and experience, and who at that time made little doubt of defending it against all the power of *Cromwell*, for at least a Month's time. And the Marquis of *Ormond* made less doubt, in much less time to relieve and succour it with his Army; and so retired to those parts where he had appointed a Rendezvous for his new Levies.

THIS News coming to Sr *Germain's*, broke all their Measures, at least as to the Expedition: the resolution continued for *Ireland*; but it was thought fit that they should expect another account from thence, before the King begun his Journey; nor did it seem counsellable that his Majesty should

*This News delays the King's Voyage into Ireland.*

venture to Sea whilst the Parliament Fleet commanded the Ocean, and were then about the Coast of *Ireland*; but that he should expect the Autumn, when the Season of the year would call home, or disperse the Ships. But where to stay so long was the Question; for it was now the Month of *August*, and as the King had receiv'd no kind of civility from *France*, since his last coming, so it was notorious enough that his absence was impatiently desir'd by that Court; and the Queen, who found her self disappointed of that Dominion which she had expected, resolv'd to merit from the Cardinal by freeing him from a Guest that was so unwelcome to them, though he had not been in any degree chargeable to them; and so was not at all solicitous for his longer stay. So his Majesty consider'd how he should make his departure; and, upon looking round, he resolv'd, that he would make his Journey through *Normandy*, and Embark himself for his Island of *Fer-sey*; which still continued under his obedience, and under the Government of Sr *George Carteret*, who had in truth the power over the place, though he was but the Lieutenant of the Lord *Fermyn*; who, in those streights the King was in, and the great plenty he himself enjoyed, was wonderfully jealous that the King's being there would lessen some of the profit, which he challenged from thence; and therefore, when it was found, in order to the King's Support, whilst he should stay there, necessary to sell some of the King's Demesnes in that Island, the yearly rent whereof used to be receiv'd by that Lord towards the discharge of the Garrison there, he insisted, with all possible importunity, "That some of the Money which should be raised upon that Sale, should be paid to Him, because his receipt, for the time to come, would not remain so great as it had been formerly: and though this demand appear'd so unjust, and unreasonable, that the Council could not admit it, yet he did prevail with the King in private, to give him such a Note under his hand, as enabled him to receive a good Sum of Money, after the return of his Majesty into *England*, upon that consideration. This Resolution being taken for *Fer-sey*, the King sent to the Prince of *Orange*, "That he would cause two Ships of War to ride in the rode before *St Maloes* (which they might do without notice) "and that he might have a Warrant remain in his hands, by which the Ships might attend his Majesty, when he should require them; which they might do in very few hours; and in these he meant to Transport himself, as soon as it should be seasonable, into *Ireland*. These Ships did wait his pleasure there accordingly.

FRANCE had too good an excuse at this time for not giving

giving the King any assistance in Money, which he might expect, and did abundantly want, by the ill condition their own Affairs were in. Though the Sedition which had been raised in *Paris* the last Winter, was at present so much appeas'd by the Courage, and Conduct of the Prince of *Condè* (who brought the Army, which he commanded in *Flanders*, with so great Expedition before *Paris*, that the City yielded to reason) so that his most Christian Majesty, the Queen his Mother, and the whole Court, were at this present there; yet the wound was far from being closed up. The Town continued still in ill humour; more of the great Men adher'd to them than had done before; the Animosities against the Cardinal increased, and, which made those Animosities the more terrible, the Prince of *Condè*, who surely had merited very much, either unsatisfied, or not to be satisfied, broke his Friendship with the Cardinal, and spoke with much bitterness against him: So that the Court was far from being in that Tranquillity, as to concern it self much for the King our Master, if it had been otherwise well inclined to it.

*The Affairs of France whilst the King was at Paris.*

ALL things standing thus, about the middle of *September*, the King left *St Germain's*, and begun his Journey towards *Fersey*; and the Queen, the next day, remov'd from thence to *Paris* to the *Louvre*. The two Embassadors for *Spain* waited upon her Majesty thither, having nothing now to do but to prepare themselves for their Journey to *Spain*, where they longed to be, and whither they had sent for a Pass to meet them at *St Sebastian's*, and that they might have a House provided for them at *Madrid*, against the time they should come thither: both which they recommended to an *English* Gentleman, who liv'd there, to sollicite, and advertise them in their Journey of the temper of that Court.

*The King leaves St Germain's and goes towards Jersey.*

THEY thought it convenient, since they were to desire a Pass to go from *Paris* into *Spain*, that they should wait upon the Queen Mother of *France*, and the Cardinal; and likewise upon the Duke of *Orleans*, and the Prince of *Condè*; who were then in a Cabal against the Court. The Prince of *Condè* spoke so publickly, and so warmly against the Cardinal, that most People thought the Cardinal undone; and he himself apprehended some attempt upon his Person; and therefore had not in many days gone out of his House, and admitted few to come to him, and had a strong guard in every Room; so that his fear was not dissembled.

IN this so general disorder, the Embassadors declined any formal Audiences; for which their Equipage was not suitable: so the Lord *Cottingham* went privately to the Queen Regent, who receiv'd him graciously, and desired him "To

“ recommend her very kindly to her Brother the King of *Spain*, without enlarging upon any thing else. From Her he went to the Duke of *Orleans*, whom he found in more disorder; and when the Embassadour told him, “ He came to know whether he had any Service to command him into *Spain*, the Duke, who scarce stood still whilst he was speaking, answer’d aloud, “ That he had nothing to do with *Spain*; and so went hastily into another Room; and the Lord *Cottington* then withdrew. They intended both to have gone together to the Prince of *Condé*, and to the Cardinal. But when they sent to the Prince, he wisely, but with great Civility, sent them word, “ That they could not be ignorant of the disorder that Court was in, and of the jealousies which were of him; and therefore desired them “ To excuse him, “ that he did not see them.

THE Cardinal appointed them a time; and accordingly they met, and conferr’d together about half an hour, the Lord *Cottington* speaking *Spanish*, and the Cardinal and He conferring wholly in that Language. The Cardinal acknowledg’d the apprehension he was in, in his looks; and took occasion in his discourse to mention “ The unjust displeasure which Monsieur *le Prince* had conceiv’d against him. He seem’d earnestly to desire a Peace between the two Crowns; and said, “ That he would give a pound of his Blood to obtain it; and desir’d the Embassadours “ To tell *Don Lewis de Haro* from him, that he would with all his heart meet him upon the Frontiers; and that he was confident, if they two were together but three hours, they should compose all differences: which Message he afterwards disavow’d, when *Don Lewis* accepted the motion, and was willing to have met him. When they took their leave of him, he brought them to the top of the Stairs in disorder enough, his Guards being very circumspect, and suffering no stranger to approach any of the Rooms.

THEY begun their Journey from *Paris* upon *Michaelmas* day, and continu’d it, without resting one day, till they came to *Bourdeaux*; which was then in Rebellion against the King. The City and the Parliament had not only sent several complaints, and bitter invectives against the Duke of *Espernon*, their Governour, for his Acts of Tyranny in his Government, but had presum’d, in order to make his Person the more ungracious, to asperse his life and manners with those reproaches which they believ’d would most reflect upon the Court. And the truth is, their greatest Quarrel against him was, that he was a fast Friend to the Cardinal, and would not be divided from his Interest. They had driven the Duke

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The Lord  
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out of the Town, and did not only desire the King "That he might no more be their Governour; but that his Majesty would give the Government to the Prince of *Condè*; which made their complaints the less consider'd as just. And it was then one of the most avow'd exceptions that Prince had against the Cardinal, that he had not that Government upon the Petition of *Bourdeaux*, since he offer'd to resign his of *Burgundy*, which was held to be of as much Value, to accommodate and repair the Duke of *Espernon*. At *Blay*, the Embassadors were visited by the Marshal of *Plessy Prasslin*, who had been sent by the Court to treat with the Parliament of *Bourdeaux*, but could bring them to no reason, they positively insisted upon the remove of their old Governour, and conferring the Command upon the Prince. When they came to *Bourdeaux* they found the *Château Trompette*, which still held for the King, shooting at the Town, the Town having invested it very close, that no Succour could be put into them, the Duke of *Espernon* being at his House at *Cadillac*, from whence his Horse every day infested the Citizens when they stirr'd out of the Town. Here the Embassadors were compell'd to stay one whole day, the disorders upon the River, and in the Town, not suffering their Coaches and Baggage to follow them so soon as they should have done. They were here visited by some Counsellors, and Presidents of the Parliament; who profess'd duty to their King, but irreconcilable hatred to the Duke of *Espernon*; against whom they had publish'd several Remonstrances in Print, and dedicated them to the Prince of *Condè*. After a days rest there, which was not unwelcome to them, they continu'd their Journey to *Bayonne*; and arriv'd, upon the twentieth day from their leaving *Paris*, at the *Taio*; where they took Boat, and in an hour or two arriv'd at *Girona*. The next day they went by the River to *Passage*, and when they came out of their Boats, which were row'd by Women, according to their Privilege there, they found Mules, sent from *St Sebastian's* to carry them thither. About half a Mile from the Town they were met by the Governour of *Guipuscoa*, *Don Antonio de Cardinas*, an old Soldier, and a Knight of the Order, the *Corregidor* and all the Magistrates of *St Sebastian's*, and the *English* Merchants which Inhabited there; and were Conducted by the Governour to one of the best Houses in the Town, which was provided for their reception; where they no sooner were, than the Governour, and the rest of the Magistrates took their leave of them.

THEY had not been half an hour in their Lodging, conferring with the *English* Merchants, about conveniences to

profecute their Journey, when the *Corregidor* came to them, and desired to ſpeak with them in private, and after ſome compliment and apology, he ſhew'd them a Letter, which he had receiv'd from the Secretary of State; the contents whereof were, " That when the Embaſſadours of the Prince of *Wales* ſhould arrive there, they ſhould be receiv'd with " all reſpect; but that he ſhould find ſome means to perſwade " them to ſtay and remain there, till he ſhould give the " King notice of it, and receive his farther pleaſure. And at the ſame time an *Engliſh* Merchant of the Town, who had told them before, that he had Letters from *Madrid* for them, and had gone home to fetch them, brought them a Pacquet from Sr *Benjamin Wright*; who was intruſted by them to ſollicite at *Madrid* for their Paſs, and for a Houſe to be prepared for them. In this Letter their Paſs was incloſed, under the ſame Style, as Embaſſadours from the Prince of *Wales*; which he had obſerv'd upon the place, and deſir'd to have it mended, but could procure no alteration, nor could he obtain any Order for the providing a Houſe for them; but was told, " That it ſhould be done time enough. This was an unexpected mortification to them; but they ſeem'd not to be troubled at it, as if they had intended to ſtay there a Month, to reſreſh themſelves after their long Journey, and in expectation of other Letters from the King their Maſter. The *Corregidor* offer'd to ſend away an Expreſs the ſame Night, which they accepted of; and writ to *Don Lewis de Haro*, " That the King their Maſter had ſent them his Embaſſadours " to his Catholick Maſtey, upon Affairs of the higheſt Importance: that they were come ſo far on their way, but " had, to their great wonder, met there with a ſignification " of that King's pleaſure, that they ſhould ſtay and remain " there, till they ſhould receive his Maſtey's farther Orders; " which troubled them not ſo much, as to find themſelves " ſtyled the Embaſſadours of the Prince of *Wales*, which they " thought very ſtrange, after his Catholick Maſtey had ſent " an Embaſſadour to the King their Maſter before they left " him: they deſired therefore to know, whether their Perſons were unacceptable to his Catholick Maſtey, and if " that were the Caſe, they would immediately return to their " Maſter; otherwiſe, if his Maſtey were content to receive " them, they deſir'd they might be treated in that manner as " was due to the Honour and Dignity of the King their Maſter. And they writ to Sr *Benjamin Wright*, to attend " *Don Lewis*, and if he found that they were expected at " *Madrid*, and that they reform'd the Errors they had committed, he ſhould then uſe thoſe importunities, which were " neceſſary

“ necessary for the providing a House for them against they  
 “ should come.

THOUGH the Court was then full of business, being in daily expectation of their new Queen; who was landed, and at that time within few days Journey of *Madrid*; yet the very next day after the Letter was deliver'd to *Don Lewis de Haro*, he return'd an Answer full of civility, and imputed the error that was committed, to the negligence, or ignorance of the Secretary; and sent them new Passes in the proper Style; and assured them, “ That they should find a very  
 “ good welcome from his Majesty. And *Sr Benjamin Wright* sent them word, “ That he had receiv'd the Warrant for the  
 “ providing the House; and the Officer, to whom it was directed, had called upon him to view two or three Houses; “ and that *Don Lewis* told him, that as soon as he had found  
 “ a House that pleased him, Orders should be given to the King's Officers of the Wardrobe to furnish it; and then  
 “ when the Embassadors came, there should be one of the King's Coaches to attend them whilst they staid. Hereupon they made haste in their Journey, with some satisfaction and confidence that they should find a Court not so hard to treat with, that could begin to receive them with so bare faced and form'd an Affront, and then so easily recede from it with weak Apologies. And it was plain enough, that they heartily wish'd that they had not come; and imagin'd that this might put them to return again, and then were ashamed of their own Expedient, and being press'd, chose rather to decline than avow it: So unnatural a thing it is for that Court to stoop to any ugly Action, without doing it so ungraciously, as to confess it in their own Countenance, and quickly receding from it.

IT was about the middle of *November* when they left *St Sebastian's*, the Weather yet continuing fair; and a Gentleman of Quality of the Country was appointed to accompany them out of the jurisdiction of *Guipuscoa*, which was to the City of *Victoria*; and from thence they enter'd into *Castile*. When they came to *Alcavendas*, within three Leagues of *Madrid*, they sent to *Sr Benjamin Wright* to know what House was provided for them: he came to them, and told them, “ All things were in the same state they were when he writ  
 “ to them to *St Sebastian's*; that though *Don Lewis* gave him very good words, and seem'd much troubled and angry  
 “ with the Officers that the House was not ready, and the Officers excused themselves upon the jollities the Town  
 “ was in during the *Fiestas*, which were held every day for the Queen's arrival, that no body could attend any particu-  
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“lar affair, yet it was evident there was not that care taken  
 “from the Court that there ought to have been, and that  
 “*Don Alonzo de Cardinas* from *England* had done the Em-  
 “bassadours all the ill offices possible, as if their good recep-  
 “tion in *Spain* would incense the Parliament, and make them  
 “more propitious to *France*, which valued it self upon having  
 “driven all the Royal Family from thence.

UPON this new Mortification, they writ again from thence  
 to *Don Lewis*, to desire “That they might not be put to stay  
 “there for want of a House, and so be exposed to contempt.  
 Nor were they accommodated in that place in any degree.  
 He always Answer’d their Letters with great punctuality,  
 and with courtesy enough, as if all things should be ready  
 by the next day. The *English* Merchants, who resided at  
*Madrid*, came every day to visit them, but still brought them  
 word, that there was no appearance of any provision made  
 to receive them; so that, after a weeks stay in that little  
 Town, and ill accommodation, they accepted the civil offer  
 and invitation, which *Sr Benjamin Wright* made them, of re-  
 posing themselves *incognito* in his House; which would only  
 receive their Persons with a *Valet de Chambre* for each; and  
 the rest of their family was quarter’d in the next adjacent  
 Houses for the reception of Strangers; so they went pri-  
 vately in the Evening into *Madrid* in *Sr Benjamin Wright’s*  
 Coach, and came to his House: and if, by His generosity,  
 they had not been thus accommodated, they must have been  
 exposed to reproach and infamy, by the very little respect  
 they receiv’d from the Court. This *Sr Benjamin Wright* was  
 a Gentleman of a good Family in *Essex*; and, being a younger  
 Brother, had been bred a Merchant in *Madrid*; where he had  
 great business, and great reputation; and, having married a  
 Wife of the Family of *Toledo*, was become a perfect *Spaniard*,  
 not only in the Language, but in the generous part of their  
 Nature and Customs.

THE Court well enough knew of their Arrival, but took  
 no notice of it. The Lord *Cottington* therefore sent to *Don*  
*Lewis*, to desire that he might have a private Audience of  
 him *incognito*; which he presently consented to, and appoint-  
 ed, the next Morning, to meet in the King’s Garden; which  
 was at such a distance from the Court, that it was not in  
 the view of it. There they met at the hour: *Don Lewis*  
 was a Man of little ceremony, and used no flourishes in his  
 discourses, which made molt Men believe that he said all  
 things from his heart; and he seem’d to speak so cordially,  
 that the Lord *Cottington*, who was not easy to be imposed  
 upon, did think that they should have a House very speedily,  
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 and lodge at  
 first at Sir  
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and that he had a good inclination to favour them in what they came about. He spoke with more commotion than was natural to him, in the business of the Murder of the King; excused all the omissions towards the Embassadors; "Which should be repair'd out of hand, after the few days, which yet remain'd to be spent in *Fiestas* for the Queen; during which time, he said, no Officers would obey any Orders that diverted them from the sight of the Triumphs; and wish'd that the Embassadors would see the Masquerade that Afternoon, and the *Toros* the Day following.

THE Lord *Cottington* return'd home very well satisfied; and had not been half an hour in the House, when a Gentleman came from *Don Lewis* to invite the Embassadors to see those Exercises, which were mention'd before; and sent them word that there should be places provided for them. The Chancellor went that Afternoon to the place assign'd, where he saw the Masquerade, and the running of the Course, and, afterwards, the *Toros*.

AT the running of the Course, the King and *Don Lewis* run several Courses, in all which *Don Lewis* was too good Countier to win any prize, though he always lost it by very little. The appearance of the People was very great, and the Ladies in all the Windows made a very rich shew, otherwise the shew it self had nothing wonderful. Here there happen'd to be some suddain sharp words between the *Admirante* of *Castile*, a haughty young Man, and the *Marquis de Liche*, the eldest Son of *Don Lewis de Haro*; the which being taken notice of, they were both dismissed the Squadrons wherein they were, and committed to their Chambers.

AT the Entertainment of the *Toros* there was another accident, the mention whereof is not unfit to shew the discipline, and severity of that Nation in the observation of order. It was remember'd, that at the Masquerade, the *Admirante* and the *Marquis of Liche* were sent to their Chambers: and afterwards, the matter being examin'd, they were both commanded to leave the Town, and retire each to a house of his own, that was within three or four Leagues of the Town. The *Marquis of Liche* was known to have gone the next day, and no body doubted the same of the *Admirante*, those orders being never disputed or disobey'd. The King as he was going to the *Toros*, either himself discern'd at another Balcony, or some Body else advertis'd him of it, that the *Duchess*, who was Wife to the *Admirante*, was there; and said, "He knew that Lady was a Woman of more Honour than to come out of her House, and be present at  
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“the *Fiesta*, whilst her Husband was under restraint, and in “his Majesty’s displeasure; and therefore concluded that her Husband was likewise there; and thereupon sent an *Alguazil* to that Room, with command to examine carefully with his Eye, whether the *Admirante* was there; for there appear’d none but Women. The *Admirante* being a young rash Man, much in the King’s favour, and a Gentleman of his Bed-Chamber, thought he might undiscern’d see the Triumph of that day; and therefore caused himself to be dress’d in the habit of a Lady, which his age would well bear, and forced his Wife to go with him; who exceedingly resisted his Commands, well knowing to what reproach she expos’d her own honour, though she had no fear of his being discover’d. The *Alguazil* brought the King word, that he was very sure that the *Admirante* was there, in the habit of a Woman, and sat next his Wife among many other Ladies. Whereupon the King sent the Officer to apprehend him in the habit he was in, and to carry him to the Officer’s own House. And as soon as the King return’d to the Palace, there was an Order that the *Alguazil* should the next Morning carry the *Admirante* to *Valladolid*, four days Journey from *Madrid* to a House of his own there; where he was confin’d not to go out of the limits of that City; and under this restraint remain’d for the space of full three years: So penal a thing it is amongst that People, for any Man, of how great Quality soever (there was not in *Spain* a Man of greater than the *Admirante* of *Castile*) to disobey, or elude the judgment of the King.

IT may be thought impertinent to the work in hand, to make a digression upon this Embassy, and to enlarge upon many circumstances which occur’d in it, of the formality and constitution of that Court, of the nature and humour of that People, which may seem foreign to the affairs of *England*. But since the King, after his leaving *Paris*, remain’d in *Jersey* for many Months, waiting such a revolution as might administer an opportunity and occasion to quit that retirement, in all which time there was no Action, or Counsel to be mention’d, and this being the first, and the only Embassy, in which his Majesty’s Person was represented, until his blessed return into *England* (for though some other Persons were afterwards sent to other Princes, with Commissions to perform that function, if they found Encouragement so to do, yet none assum’d that Character, nor were treated as such in any Court in Christendom, *Spain* only excepted) it may therefore be reasonably thought not improper in this History, to give such a relation of this Negotiation,

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The King  
remains  
several  
months in  
Jersey.

that it may appear what sense so great a Court as that of *Spain* had of those Revolutions in *England*, and of the deplorable Condition to which this young innocent Prince was reduced, when it was fully pressed to them in the most efficacious terms possible; and every circumstance of their Reception, and Treatment, may serve to illustrate those particulars; and therefore we shall proceed farther in the relation of them.

BEFORE their Audience, *Don Lewis de Haro* sent them word of the Imprisonment of the Prince of *Condé*, the Prince of *Conty*, and the Duke of *Longueville*, and that Marshal *Turin* had made his Escape into *Flanders*; the news whereof gave the *Spanish* Court much trouble; for they had promised themselves a better Harvest from that Seed, which they had carefully and industriously Sown, and that thereby the Cardinal, whom they perfectly hated, would have been totally suppressed, and all his power entirely taken from him; which, they concluded, would forthwith produce a Peace, which was not less desir'd in *France* than in *Spain*; or that those Princes, and all their Dependents, would have appear'd in Arms in that Kingdom; by which the *Spaniards* should be able to recover much of what they had lost in *Flanders*; the hopes of either of which appear'd now blasted by this unexpected revival of the Cardinal's power.

*An account  
of the Em-  
bassadour's  
Audience.*

UPON the day assign'd for the Audience, it being resolv'd that when they had ended with the King, they should likewise have one of the Queen, *Don Lewis de Haro* sent Horses to their Lodging, for the accommodation of the Embassadours, and their Servants: it being the fashion of that Court, that the Embassadours ride to their first Audience. And so they rode, being attended by all their own Servants, and all the *English* Merchants who liv'd in the Town, together with many *Irish* Officers who were in the Service of his Catholick Majesty, all on Horseback; so that their Cavalcade appear'd very fair, all the Coaches of other Embassadours likewise following them. In this manner they came to the Court about ten of the Clock in the Morning, being Conducted by an Officer, who had been sent to their Lodging, and rode with them to the Court.

THROUGH several Rooms, where there was only one Officer, who attended to open and shut the doors, they came to the Room next that where his Majesty was; where, after a little stay, whilst their Conductor went in and out, they found the King standing upright, with his back against the Wall, and the Grandees at a distance, in the same posture, against the Wall. When they had made their several respects,  
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and came to the King, he lightly mov'd his Hat, and bid them cover: The Lord *Cottington* spoke only general things, "Of the confidence the King had in his Majesty's kindness, and that He believ'd his condition such, as that all the Kings of the World were concern'd to vindicate the wrong He sustain'd: That this was the first Embassy he had sent, relying more upon the Honour of his Majesty's Nature and Generosity, than upon any other Prince; with discourses of the same nature: Then they presented their Credentials.

THE King expressed a very tender Sense of our King's condition, and acknowledged, "That it concern'd all Kings to joyn together for the punishment of such an Impious Rebellion and Parricide; and if his own Affairs would permit it, he would be the first that would undertake it; but that they could not but know how full his Hands were; and whilst he had so powerful an Adversary to contend with, he could hardly defend himself; but that when there should be a Peace with *France* (which he desired) "the King, his *Sobrino* (for so he still call'd the King, his Nephew) "should find all he could expect from him; in the mean time he would be ready to do all that was in his power towards his assistance and relief. After the formal part was over, the King asked many Questions, most with reference to his Sister, the Queen of *France*; and discoursed very intelligently of every thing; so that his defects proceeded only from the laziness of his mind, not from any want of understanding; and he seem'd then, when he was about eight and forty years of Age, to have great vigour of Body, having a clear ruddy Complexion; yet he had been accustom'd to Fevers from his Debauches with Women, by which he was much wasted.

FROM the King they were Conducted to the Queen; who used very few words, and spoke so low that she could scarce be heard; she stood, in the same manner the King did, against a Wall, and her Ladies on both sides as the Grandees did; the *Infanta* at a little distance from her, to whom likewise they made a Compliment from their Master. The Queen was then about eighteen years of Age, not Tall, round Faced, and inclined to be fat. The *Infanta* was much Lower, as she ought to be by her Age, but of a very lovely Complexion, without any help of Art, which every one else in the Room, even the Queen her self, was beholding to: and she was then the fullest of Spirit and Wit of any Lady in *Spain*, which she had not improv'd afterwards; when she had more years upon her. Their Audience ended, they return'd; and at last they had a House provided for them in the *Calle de Alcalá*, belonging to the

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the Marquis of *Villa Magna*, to whom the King paid four hundred pounds Sterling by the year.

THE Council of State at this time consisted of *Don Lewis de Haro*, the Duke de *Medina de los Torres*, Duke de *Mounte-rey*, Marquis of *Castille Roderigo*, Marquis de *Vall-Periso*, the Conde of *Castrilio*, and *Don Francisco de Melo*; there were no more residing in that Court then; the Duke de *Medina Celi* residing constantly at his Government of *S<sup>c</sup> Lucar*, the Marquis of *Leganez* being General against *Portugal*, and so remaining at *Badajoz*, and coming seldom to *Madrid*, and the Duke of *Arcos* stood confin'd to his House, since the defection of *Naples* when it was under his Government; and the Conde de *Pignoranda* was not yet come out of *Flanders*.

*DON Lewis* was as absolute a Favourite in the Eyes of his Master, had as entire a disposal of all his Affections and Faculties, as any Favourite of that Age: Nor was any thing transacted at home, or abroad, but by his direction and determination: And yet of all the Favourites of that, or any other time, no Man ever did so little alone, or seem'd less to enjoy the delight and empire of a Favourite. In the most ordinary occurrences, which, for the difficulty, required little Deliberation, and in the nature of them required Expedition, he would give no Order without formal Consultation with the rest of the Council; which hinder'd dispatch, and made his Parts the more suspected. He was Son of the Marquis of *Carpio*, who had Married the Sister of *Olivarez*, and had been put about the Person of the King, being about the same Age with his Majesty, and had so grown up in his Affection, and was not thought to have been displeas'd at the disgrace of his Uncle, but rather to have contributed to it, though he did not succeed in the place of Favourite in many years, nor seem'd to be concern'd in any business till after the death of the then Queen, and was rather drawn into it by the violence of the King's Affection, who had a great kindness for his Person, than by the Ambition of his own Nature, or any delight in business. His Education had not fitted him for it, and his natural Parts were not sharp, yet his Industry was great, and the more commendable, because his Nature had some repugnancy to it, and his Experience had so fitted him for it, that he never spoke impertinently, but discoursed reasonably and weightily upon all Subjects. He was of a Melancholick Complexion; which it may be, was the reason that he did not trust himself to himself, which was his defect. He seem'd to be a very honest, and well natur'd Man, and did very rarely manifest his power in Acts of oppression, or hard-heartedness; which made him grateful

The Character of Don Lewis de Haro.

grateful to most particular Men, when he was hated enough by the generality. His Port and Grandeur was very much inferior to that of either of the *French* Cardinals, the last of which was Favourite during his Administration. Nor did he affect Wealth as They did, not leaving a Fortune behind him much improv'd by his own industry: yet it cannot be denied, that the Affairs of *Spain* declined more, in the time they were under his Government, than at any time before; and that less was done with the consumption of so much Money, than might have been expected. But it must be likewise consider'd, that he enter'd upon that Administration in a very unhappy conjuncture, after the loss of *Portugal*, and the defection in *Catalonia*, which made such a rent in that Crown, as would have required more than an ordinary States-man to have repair'd, and make it flourish as before.

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de of Pignoranda.

THE Embassadors had not been long at *Madrid*, when the Conde of *Pignoranda* return'd thither from his Negotiation in the Treaty of *Munster*. He had been declar'd to be of the Council of State, after he had made that Peace with *Holland*, and was admitted to it as soon as he return'd. He was Conde in the right of his Wife only; and before, being of a good Family, *Don Diego de Brachamonte*, and bred in the study of the Law, was looked upon as a good Man of business, and so employ'd in matters of greatest Trust. He was indeed a Man of great Parts, and understood the Affairs of the World better than most in that Court. He was Proud to the height of his Nation, and retain'd too much of the Pedantry which he had brought with him from *Salamanca*. As soon as he return'd, according to the method of that Court upon great and successful Employments, the Presidentship *De los Ordines*, an Office of great Reputation, becoming void, it was the very next day conferr'd upon him. The Embassadors found no benefit by his Arrival, coming from *Brussels*, which was thoroughly infected by *Don Alonzo*. The truth is, *Don Alonzo*, who had no Affection for the King, upon the memory of some disobligations when he first came over into *England*, and liked well his Employment, and Residence there, us'd all the endeavours imaginable to have the King's Condition thought to be irrecoverable and desperate, and that therefore all Civilities extended towards him were cast away, and would yield no fruit, and that the Commonwealth was so established, that it could never be shaken. So that *Spain* thought only how to make a firm Friendship there, and to forget that there ever had been a King of *England*, in the confidence that there would be no more. And therefore

ore when the Embassadors, after all Ceremonies were over, had a private Audience of the King, and desir'd, "That he would appoint Commissioners, with whom they might treat about the renewing the Alliance between the two Crowns, which had been provided for by the last Treaty to be renew'd within so many Months after the death of either King, and with whom they might likewise confer upon such relief in Arms, and Money, as his Catholick Majesty would think proper to send to their Master into *Ireland* (whither one of the Embassadors desired to hasten his Journey as soon as might be; and in that Memorial, which they then deliver'd to his Catholick Majesty, they had desired likewise "That he would write to *Owen O Neile* to dispose him to submit to the King) they receiv'd shortly after an Answer, sent to them by *Don Francisco de Melo*, who told them, "That the King had sent him to them, to confer with them upon the substance of their last Memorial. He said, the King did not think it necessary to appoint any Committee to renew the last Treaty of Peace; which was still in force, and might well be observ'd between the two Nations; and that the renewing might be deferr'd till the times should mend; implying very little less than that when the King should be in *England*, it would be a fit time to renew their Alliance. He said, "He was ready to receive any Propositions from them, wherein they might more particularly set down their desires, if they were ready to depart; and for writing to *Owen O Neile* (whom he called *Don Eugenio*) "He had so misbehaved himself towards his Catholick Majesty, by leaving his Service in *Flanders*, and transporting himself into *Ireland* without his License, that his Majesty could not in Honour write to him; but that he would take such care, that he should know it would be agreeable to his Majesty's good liking, that he betook himself to the Service of the King of Great *Britain* without reserve; which he did believe would dispose him to it: which Method the Embassadors conceiv'd was propos'd, because they should believe that the *Spaniard* had no hand in sending him into that Kingdom, or in fomenting the Rebellion there; whereas at the same time *Don Diego de la Torre* was with the *Irish* as Resident or Envoy from *Spain*.

THIS Answer was evidence enough to them, how little they were to expect from any avow'd Friendship of that Crown, though they still thought they might be able to obtain some little favour in private, as Arms, and Ammunition, and a small supply of Money for the King's Subsistence, that could hardly be taken notice of. And therefore the

The Embassadors private Audience and Demands.

The Answer they receive.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was design'd by the King to attend him in *Ireland*, expected only to hear that he was arriv'd there; till when, he could not present his Memorial so particularly as was demanded, nor prepare himself for his Voyage thither: and so they rested for some time without giving the Court any farther trouble by Audiences.

Prince Rupert comes upon the coast of Spain.

His Letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Now whilst they were in this impatient Expectation to hear from the King their Master, who yet remain'd at *Fer-sey*, by which they might take their own resolutions, Prince *Rupert* came upon the coast of *Spain* with the Fleet under his Command; which he had brought from *Ireland*; and had sent a Letter on Shore to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer; which the Officer upon the place, sent presently to *Don Lewis de Haro*; who, in the same moment, sent it to him with a very civil salutation. The Prince writ him word, "That he had brought away all the Fleet from *Ireland*, and that he had receiv'd an Assurance from *Portugal*, that he should be very welcome thither; upon which he was resolv'd, after he had attended some days to meet with any *English* Ships that might be prize, to go for *Lisbon*; and desir'd him to procure Orders from the Court, that he might find a good reception in all the Ports of *Spain*, if his occasions brought him thither. The Embassadors sent immediately for an Audience to *Don Lewis*; who receiv'd them with open Arms, and another kind of Countenance than he had ever done before. A Fleet of the King of *England*, under the Command of a Prince of the Blood, upon the Coast of *Spain*, at a Season of the year when they expected the return of their Galeons from the Indies, made a great consternation amongst the People, and the Court receiv'd the news of it with disorder enough. All that the Embassadors asked, was granted without hæsitation; and Letters were dispatched away that very Night (Copies whereof were sent to the Embassadors) by several Expresses to all the Governours of the Ports, and other Officers, for the good reception of Prince *Rupert*, or any Ships under his Command, if they came into any of the Ports; and for the furnishing them with any Provisions they should stand in need of, with as many friendly Clauses as could have been inserted if the King had been in possession of his whole Empire: so great an influence a little appearance of Power had upon their Spirits; and the Embassadors found they liv'd in another kind of Air than they had done, and receiv'd every day Visits and Caresses from the Court, and from those in Authority.

BUT the Government of these benign Stars was very short: Within few days after, they receiv'd News, "That the Prince with the gross of his Fleet, was gone into the River of *Lisbon*, and that a Squadron of four or five Ships, under the Command of Captain *Allen*, being sever'd from the Prince by a Storm, was driven upon the Rocks at *Cartagena*; where the People of the Country had treated them very rudely, and seised both upon the Ships, and Persons of the Men, and the Storm continuing had wrecked two or three of their Vessels in the Road, though the Guns and all things in the Ships were saved. When the Embassadors demanded Justice, "And that restitution might be made of all those Goods, and Ordnance, and rigging of the Ships, which not only the People, but the Governours, and Officers themselves had seised upon, they were receiv'd with much more cloudy looks than before; nor was there the same Expedition in granting what they could not deny. Orders were at last given for the setting all the Men at liberty, and redelivery of the Goods, that thereby they might be enabled to mend their Vessels and Transport their Men.

BUT as these Orders were but faintly given, so they were more slowly executed; and a stronger Fleet set out by the Parliament of *England* then appear'd upon the Coast, which came into the Road of *St Andero's*; from whence the Commander in chief writ a very insolent Letter in *English* to the King of *Spain*; wherein he requir'd, "That none of those Ships under the Command of Prince *Rupert*, which had revolted from the Parliament, and were in Rebellion against it, might be receiv'd into any of the Ports of *Spain*, and that those Ships which were in the Ports of *Cartagena*, might be deliver'd to him, and the Ordnance and tackling of the other which were wrecked, might be carefully kept, and be deliver'd to such Person as should be authoriz'd to receive the same by the Common-wealth of *England*; to whom they belong'd: and concluded, "That as the Common-wealth of *England* was willing to live in Amity, and good Intelligence with his Catholick Majesty, so they knew very well how to do themselves right for any injury, or discourtesy, which they should sustain.

THIS imperious style made such an Impression upon the Court, that all the importunity the Embassadors could use, could get nothing done at *Cartagena* in pursuance of the Orders they had sent from the Court; but the poor Men were, after long attendance, forced to Transport themselves as they were able; and two or three hundred of them march'd over Land, and were compell'd to Lift themselves in the *Spanish* Service

Service at Land; where they, for the most part perish'd; care being in the mean time taken, that the Parliament Fleet should be receiv'd in all places, with all possible demonstration of respect and kindness; and the King sent a Ring of the value of fifteen hundred pounds to the Commander. In

He sails into  
the River of  
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Prince Ru-  
pert's Fleet  
to be deli-  
ver'd up.

This Triumph he Sail'd from thence into *Portugal*, and drop'd his Anchors in the River of *Lisbon*, at a very small distance from the Fleet of Prince *Rupert*; and suffer'd not any Ship to enter into that River; but denounced War against that Kingdom, if that Fleet were not presently deliver'd up into his hands.

THE *Portuguese* had receiv'd Prince *Rupert* very civilly, bought all the Prizes he had brought thither, gave him the free use of all their Ports, and furnish'd him with all things he stood in need of. The Queen, and the Prince of *Portugal* then living, who was a young Man of great hope and courage, made great professions of Friendship to our King, and of a desire to assist him by all the ways and means which could be propos'd to them. But when their River was block'd up, their Ships taken, and the whole Kingdom upon the matter besieged by the Parliament Fleet, of which they knew the *Spaniard* would quickly make use, the Council was astonish'd, and knew not what to do: their free Trade with *England* was not only their profit, but their reputation; and if they should be depriv'd of that, they should not be able to preserve it any where else; which would put the whole Kingdom into a flame; and therefore they besought their King, "that Prince *Rupert* might be desir'd to leave the River, and to carry "his Fleet from thence; which was not possible for him to do without fighting with the Enemy, to whom he was much inferior in strength of Shipping, and number of Men, by the loss he had sustain'd at *Cartagena*.

THE Prince of *Portugal* had so great indignation at this overture made by the Council, that he declar'd "He would "have all the Ships in the Port made ready, and would him- "self go on Board, and joyn with Prince *Rupert*, and fight the "English, and drive them from thence: and he manifested a great desire to do so; but the Council prevail'd with the Queen not to consent to that. So in the end, after some Months stay there, and the Fleet being fully supplied with whatever it stood in need of, Prince *Rupert* found it necessary, upon the assurance the *Portuguese* gave him that the other Fleet should not follow him till after two Tides, to set Sail and leave that Kingdom; which he did with so full a Gale, that the Parliament's Commander, after so long a stay, found it to no purpose to follow him; but took full vengeance upon *Portu- gal*

Prince Ru-  
pert escapes  
out of the  
River of  
Lisbon with  
his Fleet.

gal for rescuing his Prey, from him; until they were compell'd, after great Sufferings, to purchase their peace from *Cromwell* upon very hard conditions.

IT seem'd no good sign to the Embassadours that Prince *Rupert* had left *Ireland*; where there were so many good Ports and where the Fleet had been so necessary for the carrying on his Majesty's Service. But, in a short time after, they received advertisement, "That the King had laid aside his purpose of going thither, and had taken new resolutions. Before the Marquis of *Ormond* could draw his Army together, *Cromwell* had besieg'd *Tredagh*: and though the Garrison was so strong in point of number, and that number of so choice Men, that they could wish for nothing more than that the Enemy would attempt to take them by storm, the very next day after he came before the Town, he gave a general Assault and was beaten off with considerable loss. But, after a day more, he Assaulted it again in two places, with so much courage, that he enter'd in both; and though the Governour and some of the chief Officers retir'd in disorder into a Fort, where they hoped to have made conditions, a panick fear so possess'd the Soldiers, that they threw down their Arms upon a general offer of Quarter; so that the Enemy enter'd the Works without resistance, and put every Man, Governour, Officer, and Soldier, to the Sword; and the whole Army being enter'd the Town, they executed all manner of cruelty, and put every Man that related to the Garrison, and all the Citizens who were *Irish*, Man, Woman, and Child, to the Sword; and there being three or four Officers of Name, and of good Families, who had found some way, by the humanity of some Soldiers of the Enemy, to conceal themselves for four or five days, being afterwards discover'd they were butcher'd in cold blood.

*The affairs of Ireland at this time.*

*Tredagh taken by storm.*

THIS insupportable loss took away all hopes from the Marquis of *Ormond* of drawing an Army strong enough, and resolute enough, together, to meet *Cromwell* in the field, during the Summer, which was drawing to an end; and obliged him to retire into those Quarters, where, in respect of the strong Passes, he might be secure, and from whence might attempt upon the Enemy. *Cromwell* in the mean time took no rest, but having made himself terrible by that excess of rigour and cruelty, march'd into *Munster* against the Lord *Inchiquin*, and that Body of *English* which was under His Command. Here he defied Fortune again; and march'd so far out of the places devoted to him, and from whence he had any reasonable hope to receive Supplies, that he must necessarily have been starv'd, and could not have retir'd, all the Bridges over

*Cromwell marches into Munster.*

His success  
were.

which he had pass'd being broken down, if the City of *Cork*, which he could not have forced, had not been by the Garrison basely deliver'd up to him; those Officers who had been most obliged to the Lord *Inchiquin*, and in whom he had most confidence, unworthily betraying him, and every day forsaking him: so that by the Example of *Cork*, and by the terrour of *Tredagh*, the whole Province of *Munster*, in a very short time fell into *Cromwell's* hands, except some few Towns and Sea Ports, which, being Garrison'd by the *Irish*, would, neither Officers nor Soldiers, receive or obey any Orders which were sent from the Lord of *Ormond*. The King receiving information of this at *Fersey*, gave over the thought very reasonably of adventuring himself into *Ireland*; and dismiss'd the two Ships, which by the direction of the Prince of *Orange*, had attended so long at *St Malo's*, to have waisted him thither.

The King  
gives over  
the thought  
of going into  
*Ireland*.

THOUGH Duke *Hamilton*, and the Earl of *Lautherdale*, and the other *Scotish* Lords, who remain'd in *Holland* when the King came into *France*, durst not return into their own Country, yet they held Intelligence with their Party there. And though the Marquis of *Argyle* had the sole power, yet he could not extinguish the impatient desire of that whole Nation, to have their King come to them. And every day produced instances enough, which inform'd him, how the affections of the People were generally disposed, and upon how slippery ground himself stood, if he were not supported by the King; and that the Government, he was then possess'd of, could not be lasting, except he had another Force to defend him, than that of his own Nation. And he durst not receive any from *Cromwell*, who would willingly have assisted him, for fear of being entirely deserted by all his Friends, who had been still firm to him. Hereupon he thought of drawing the King into *Scotland*, and keeping the *Hamiltonian* Faction from entring with him, by the Sentence that was already against them, and to oblige the King to submit to the Covenant, and all those other obligations which were at that time establish'd; and if his Majesty would put himself into his hands upon those conditions, he should be sure to keep the power in himself under the King's name, and might reasonably hope that *Cromwell*, who made no pretence to *Scotland*, might be well enough pleas'd that his Majesty might remain there under his Government, and Assurance, that he should not give *England* or *Ireland* any disturbance.

Argyle de-  
signs to in-  
vite the  
King into  
*Scotland*:

Provides,  
that a Mes-  
sage be sent  
to his Maje-  
sty to *Fersey*  
upon the old  
Conditions.

UPON this presumption, he wish'd the Council of *Scotland*, and that Committee of the Parliament in whom the Authority was vested, to send again to the King (who, they thought,



thought, by this time, might be weary of *Ferſey*) to invite him to come to them upon the old conditions; and by gratifying them in this particular, which all the People did ſo paſſionately deſire, he renew'd all the ſolemn obligations they had been before bound in, never to admit the King to come amongſt them, but upon his firſt ſubmitting to, and performing all thoſe conditions. All things being thus ſettled, and agreed, they ſent a Gentleman with Letters into *Ferſey*, to invite his Maſteſty again to come into his Kingdom of *Scotland*, not without a rude inſinuation that it was the laſt invitation he ſhould receive. The *Scottiſh* Lords, who are mention'd before to be then in *Holland*, were glad of this advance; and believ'd that if the King were there, they ſhould eaſily find the way home again. And therefore they prevail'd with the Prince of *Orange*, to write very earneſtly to the King, and to recommend it to the Queen; and themſelves made great inſtance to the Queen, with whom they had much credit, "That the King would not loſe this opportunity to improve his condition. No body preſum'd to adviſe him to ſubmit to All that was propos'd; and yet it was evident, that if he did not ſubmit to All, he could have the benefit of none; but "That he ſhould make ſuch an Answer as might engage the *Scots* in a Treaty, for the King's better information, and ſatiſfaction in ſome particulars: which being done, he ſhould imply a purpoſe to Transport his Perſon thither.

THE Spring was now coming on, and though *Ferſey* was a convenient place to retire to, in order to conſider what was next to be done, yet it was not a place to reſide in, nor would be longer ſafe, than whilſt the Parliament had ſo much elſe to do, that it could not ſpare wherewithal to reduce it. The deſign for *Ireland* was at an end, and the deſpair of being welcome in any other place, compell'd the King to think better of *Scotland*, and ſo, according to the advice he had receiv'd, he return'd an Answer to the Meſſage from *Scotland*, "That there were many particulars contain'd in the Propoſitions which he did not underſtand, and which it was neceſſary for him to be adviſed in; and in order thereunto, and that he might be well inform'd and inſtructed in what ſo nearly concern'd him, he reſolv'd, by ſuch a time, which was ſet down, to find himſelf in *Holland*; where he deſir'd to meet ſuch Perſons as his Kingdom of *Scotland* would ſend to him, and to confer, and treat, and agree with thoſe upon all things that might give his Subjects of that Kingdom ſatiſfaction; which his Maſteſty did very much deſire to do.

The King's  
Answer,  
"That he  
"would  
"have a  
"Treaty  
"with them  
"in Hol-  
"land.

THE Queen had so good an opinion of many of the *Scottish* Lords, and so ill a one of many of the *English* who were about the King (in truth, she had so entire a despair of all other ways) that she was very desirous that the overtures from *Scotland* should be hearken'd to, and embraced: besides that she found her Authority was not so great with the King, as she expected, she saw no possibility of their being long together: She knew well that the Court of *France*, that grew every day into a closer correspondence with *Cromwell*, would not endure that the King should make his Residence in any part of that Kingdom, and so shorten'd the Assignations which they had made for her own support, that she was at no ease, and begun to think of dissolving her own Family, and of her own retiring into a Monastery; which from that time she practis'd by degrees: and, no doubt, that consideration which made most impresson upon the King, as it had done upon his Father, and terrified him most from complying with the *Scots* demands, which was the alteration it would make in Religion, and the Government of the Church, seem'd not to Her of moment enough to reject the other conveniencies; nor did she prefer the order, and decency of the Church of *England*, before the fordidness of the Kirk of *Scotland*, but thought it the best expedient to advance her own Religion, that the latter should triumph over the former. She therefore writ earnestly to the King her Son, "That he would entertain this motion from *Scotland*, as his only refuge; and that he would invite Commissioners to meet him in *Holland*, in such a place as the Prince of *Orange* should advise; and desir'd that, "In his passage thither, he would appoint some place where her Majesty would meet him; that they might spend some days together in consultation upon what might concern them joyntly. In all which his Majesty complying, the City of *Beauvais* in *Picardy* was appointed for the interview; where both their Majesties met, and conversed together three or four days; and then the Queen return'd to *Paris*, and the King pass'd through *Flanders* to *Breda*; which the Prince of *Orange* thought to be the fittest place for the Treaty, the States having no mind that the King should come any more to the *Hague*.

The Queen advises the King to agree with the Scots upon their terms.

Their Majesties meet at Beauvais. The King goes to Breda.

The Scottish Commissioners come to Breda, and they bring.

THE *Scottish* Commissioners came to *Breda* with the very same Propositions which had been formerly sent, and without the least mitigation, and as positive an exception to Persons: so that if the King should incline to go thither, he must go without any one Chaplain of his own: there were Ministers sent from *Scotland* to attend, and to instruct him. His Majesty must not carry with him any one Counsellor, nor any Person

Person who had ever serv'd his Father in the War against the Parliament, without taking the Covenant. And, that no body might have cause to complain, if they did go thither, that they were worse treated than they had reason to expect, the King himself, and all who should attend upon him, were first to sign the Covenant before they should be admitted to enter into the Kingdom. Very fair warning indeed: nor could any Man justly except against any thing that was afterwards done to him.

HERE was no great Argument for consultation: no Man had so ill an understanding, as not to discern the violence that was offer'd to Honour, Justice, and Conscience; yet whoever objected against what was propos'd, upon any of those considerations, was look'd upon as a Party, because he himself could not be suffer'd to attend the King. It was thought to be of great Weight, that they who dissuaded the King from going into *Scotland*, upon those rude and barbarous terms, could not propose any thing else for him to do, nor any place where he might securely repose himself with any hope of subsistence: a very sad State for a Prince to be reduced to, and which made it manifest enough, that the Kings of the Earth are not such a Body as is sensible of the Indignity, and Outrage, that is offer'd to any Member of it. The *Scottish Hamiltonian* Lords were thought to be the most competent Counsellors, since They, by going, were to be expos'd to great rigour, and to undergo the severest part of all Censures. They could not sit in the Parliament, nor in the Council, and knew well that they should not be suffer'd to be about the Person of the King: yet all these resolv'd to wait upon him, and perswaded him to believe, "That his Majesty's presence would dissipate those Clouds; and that a little time would produce many alterations, which could not be presently effected. For his Majesty's signing the Covenant, "He should tell the Commissioners, that he would defer it till he came thither, that he might think better of it; and that if then the Kirk should press it upon him, he would give them satisfaction. And they were confident, that after he should be there, he should be no more importuned in it, but that even the Church-men themselves would contend to make themselves gracious to him.

THIS kind of Argumentation wrought much with the Prince of *Orange*, but more with the Duke of *Buckingham*, who had waited upon the King from the time of his Adventure with the Earl of *Holland* (against whose Person there was no exception) and with *Wilmot*, and *Wentworth*, (who resolv'd to go with his Majesty, and would submit to any conditions, which

which would be required of them) and with others about the King, who could not digest the Covenant; yet the hope that it would not be required from them, and the many promises those *Scottish* Lords made to them, who were like to grow into Authority again when they should be once in their native Air and upon their own Soil, prevailed with them to use all their Credit with the King to Embark himself, and try how propitious Fortune would be to him in *Scotland*. In the end, a faint hope in that, and a strong despair of any other expedient, prevailed so far with his Majesty, that he resolv'd, upon what terms soever, to Embark himself, in *Holland*, upon a Fleet which the Prince of *Orange* provided for him; and so with all the *Scottish*, and very few *English* Servants, to set Sail for *Scotland*.

The King  
resolves for  
Scotland.

Arguments  
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Lords a-  
gainst the  
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THERE were two very strong Arguments, which made deep impressi<sup>o</sup>n on those Lords who very vehemently dissuaded, and ever protested against his Majesty's going for *Scotland*, and which, as it often falls out in matters of the highest importance, they could not make use of to convert others, especially in the place and company in which they were to urge them. The first, "That the Expedition of Duke *Hamilton* the year before, with an Army as numerous, and much better furnish'd, and provided, than *Scotland* could in many years be again enabled to send out, made it manifest enough, how little that Nation, how united soever, could prevail against the force of *England*: The other, "That the whole and absolute power of *Scotland* being, at that time, confessedly vested in the Marquis of *Argyle*, it might reasonably be fear'd, and expected, that the King should no sooner arrive there, and the least appearance be discover'd of such resolutions, or Alteration in the Affections of the People, upon which the *Hamiltonian* Faction wholly and solely depended, but *Argyle* would immediately deliver up the Person of the King into the hands of *Cromwell*; and with the Assistance He would willingly give, make that Kingdom Tributary or Subservient to him, whilst the King remain'd his Prisoner, and *Argyle* continued his Vice-gerent in *Scotland*. No doubt these objections had too much weight in them not to be thought worthy of Apprehension, by many Men, who were not blinded with passion, or amazed with despair: and though they were not able to give any other Council, what Course the King might steer with reasonable hope and security, they might yet warrantably dissuade his exposing himself to so many visible dangers as that Voyage was subject to both at Sea and Land; and might prudently believe, that the enjoying the empty title of King, in  
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what obscurity soever, in any part of the world, was to be preferr'd before the empty name of King in any of his own Dominions; which was the best that could reasonably be expected from the conditions which were impos'd upon him; to which he was compell'd to submit.

DURING this time, when the Embassadors who were in *Spain*, expected every day to hear of his Majesty's being arriv'd in *Ireland*, and had thereupon importuned that Court for a dispatch, the King gave them notice of this his resolution, and directed them "To remain where they were, till he could better judge of his own Fortune. They were extremely troubled, both of them having always had a strong aversion that the King should ever venture himself in the hands of that Party of the *Scotish* Nation, which had treated his Father so perfidiously. And they were now necessitated to stay there, where they had receiv'd so little Encouragement, and had no reason to expect more. They therefore resolv'd to set the best face they could upon it, and desired an Audience from the King: in which they told his Catholick Majesty, "That they had receiv'd Letters from the King "their Master; who commanded them to inform his Majesty, "who, he knew well, would be glad to hear of any good "fortune that befel him, that it had now pleas'd God to work "so far upon the hearts and affections of his Subjects of *Scot-* "land, that they had given over all those Factions and A- "nimosities, which had heretofore divided them, and made "them rather Instruments of mischiefs, than benefit to his "blessed Father, and to himself: that they were now sensi- "ble of all those Miscarriages, and had sent unanimously to "intreat his Majesty to come into that Kingdom, and to take "them all into his Protection; with which his Majesty was "so well satisfi'd, that he had laid aside the thought of trans- "porting himself into *Ireland*; which he had intended to "do; and was gone into *Scotland*, where the Kingdom was "entirely at his devotion, and from whence he could visit "England, or *Ireland*, as he found it most convenient: and "that he had reason to believe, that his friends in either of "the Kingdoms, would quickly appear in Arms, when they "were sure to be so powerfully assisted, and seconded. And they said, "They would, from time to time, inform his Ma- "jesty of the good success that should fall out. The King profess'd "To be very glad of this good News; and that "they should assure the King their Master, that he would be "always ready to make all the demonstration of a Brotherly "Affection that the ill condition of his own Affairs would "permit, and that, if it pleas'd God to give a Peace to the

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“two Crowns, the world should see how forward he would  
 “be to revenge the wrong, and indignity the King of great  
 “*Britain* had undergone.

THOUGH the Embassadors themselves were afflicted with the News of his Majesty's being gone for *Scotland*, upon the too much knowledge they had of the treachery of that Faction there, yet they found his Majesty was much the more esteem'd in this Court by it. He was before looked upon as being dispossessed, and disinherited of all his Dominions, as if he had no more Subjects than those few who were banish'd with him, and that there was an entire defection in all the rest. But now that he was possessed of one whole Kingdom, in which no Man appear'd in Arms against him, a Kingdom which had been famous for many warlike Actions, and which always bred a very warlike People, which had borne good parts in all the Wars of *Europe* in this Age, and had been celebrated in them, was a happy advance, and administer'd reasonable hope that he might be establish'd in the other two Kingdoms, in one of which he was thought to have a good, and was known to have a numerous Army on Foot at that very time: so that the Embassadors were much better look'd upon than they had been; and when they made any complaints of injuries done to any of the *English* Merchants who liv'd in the Ports of *Spain*, as they had sometimes occasion to do, upon Taxes and Impositions laid upon them, contrary to the Treaties which had been made, and which they said were still in force, they were heard with respect; the Merchants were reliev'd; and many favours were done to particular Persons upon their desires and interposition: so that they were not so much out of Countenance as they had been, and all Men spoke with more freedom and detestation against the Rebellion in *England*, and the barbarity thereof, than they had used to do.

THERE fell out at this time, and before the King left *Holland*, an accident of such a prodigious nature, that, if Providence had not, for the reproach of *Scotland*, determin'd that the King should once more make experiment of the courage and fidelity of that Nation, could not but have diverted his Majesty from that Northern Expedition; which, how unsecure soever it appear'd to be for the King, was predestinated for a greater chastisement and mortification of that People, as it shortly after prov'd to be. When the King had left *Holland*, the Summer before, and intended only to make *France* his way to *Ireland*, he had given his Commission to the Marquis of *Mountrose*, to gather such a force together, as by the help of the Northern Princes he might be enabled

to do. Upon which the Marquis, who was naturally full of great thoughts, and confident of Success, sent several Officers who had serv'd in *Germany*, and promised very much, to draw such Troops together as they should be enabled to do, and himself, with a great Train of Officers and Servants, went for *Hamburg*, which he appointed for the Rendezvous for all these Troops, and from whence he could in the mean time visit such Courts of the Neighbour Princes and States, as he should be encouraged to do; and keep such Intelligence with his Friends in *Scotland*, as should provide for his reception.

*The Marquis of Mountrose goes for Hamburg to sollicit for Forces.*

BESIDES the hopes and encouragement he had receiv'd from the Embassadour *Wolfelte*, to expect good Supplies in *Denmark*, there were many Officers of good Name and Account in *Sweden*, of the *Scotish* Nation, who were grown Rich, and liv'd in plenty in that Kingdom. With the principal of them, the Marquis had held Correspondence; who undertook, as well for others as for themselves, "That if the Marquis engaged himself in the King's Service in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, they would give him notable Assistance in Money, Arms, and Men. In a word, he sent, or went in Person, to both those Kingdoms; where he found the performance very disproportionable to their promises. Queen *Christina* had receiv'd an Agent from *England* with wonderful Civility and Grace, and express'd a great esteem of the Person of *Cromwell*, as a Man of glorious Atchievements; and before she resign'd the Crown, which she in few years after did, she engaged it in a fast Alliance with the new Commonwealth, and dispos'd her Successor to look upon it as a necessary Support to his Crown. In *Denmark*, the Marquis found good Wishes enough, a hearty detestation of all the Villanies which had been acted in *England*, and as hearty wishes for the Advancement and Prosperity of the King's Affairs; but the Kingdom it self was very Poor, and full of Discontent, the King not so much esteem'd, because not so much fear'd, as his Father had been, and he had been compell'd to make many unreasonable Concessions to *Holland*, that he might have Assistance from them, to Protect him from those Assaults and Invasions which were threaten'd from *Sweden*. So that the Marquis was oblig'd to return to *Hamburg*, with very small Supplies, from either or both those Kingdoms: and there he receiv'd no better account from those Officers who had been sent into *Germany*. His design had always been to Land in the High-lands of *Scotland*, before the Winter Season should be over, both for the safety of his Embarkation, and that he might have time to draw those

those People together, who he knew, would be willing to repair to him, before it should be known at *Edenborough* that he was landed in the Kingdom. He had, by frequent Messages, kept a constant Correspondence with those principal Heads of the Clans who were most powerful in the Highlands, and were of known, or unsuspected Affection to the King, and advertised them of all his motions and designs. And by them acquainted those of the Low-lands of all his Resolutions; who had promised, upon the first notice of his arrival, to resort with all their Friends and Followers to him.

WHETHER these Men did really believe, that their own strength would be sufficient to subdue their Enemies, who were grown generally odious, or thought the bringing over Troops of Foreigners would lessen the Numbers and Affections of the Natives, they did write very earnestly to the Marquis, "To hasten his coming over with Officers, Arms, and Ammunition; for which he should find hands enough; and gave him notice, "That the Committee of Estates at "*Edenborough* had sent again to the King to come over to them; and that the People were so impatient for his presence, that *Argyle* was compell'd to consent to the Invitation. It is very probable that this made the greatest impression upon him. He knew very well how few Persons there were about the King, who were like to continue firm in those Principles, which could only confirm his Majesty in his former Resolutions against the persuasions, and importunities of many others, who knew how to represent to him the desperateness of his Condition any other way, than by repairing into *Scotland* upon any Conditions. *Mountrose* knew, that of the two Factions there, which were not like to be reconciled, each of them were equally his implacable Enemies; so that which soever prevail'd, He should be still in the same State, the whole Kirk, of what temper soever, being alike malicious to Him; and hearing likewise of the successive Misfortunes in *Ireland*, he concluded, the King would not trust himself there. Therefore upon the whole, and concluding that all his hopes from *Germany* and those Northern Princes would not encrease the strength he had already, he caused, in the depth of the Winter, those Soldiers he had drawn together, which did not amount to above five hundred, to be Embarked, and sent Officers with them, who knew the Country, with directions that they should Land in such a place in the Highlands, and remain there, as they might well do, till he came to them, or sent them Orders. And then in another Vessel Mann'd by People well known



to him, and Commanded by a Captain very faithful to the King, and who was well acquainted with that Coast, he Embarked himself, and near one hundred Officers, and Landed in another Creek, not far from the other place, whither his Soldiers were directed. And both the one and the other Party were set safely on Shore in the places they design'd; from whence the Marquis himself with some Servants, and Officers, repair'd presently to the House of a Gentleman of Quality, with whom he had corresponded, who expected him; by whom he was well receiv'd, and thought himself to be in security till he might put his Affairs in some method: And therefore order'd his other small Troops to contain themselves in those uncouth Quarters, in which they were, and where he thought they were not like to be disturb'd by the visitation of any Enemy.

Mountrose  
Embarks for  
Scotland:  
lands there  
in March  
1649.

AFTER he had stay'd there a short time, it being in *March* about the end of the year 1649, he quickly possess'd himself of an old Castle; which, in respect of the Situation in a Country so impossible for any Army to march in, he thought strong enough for his purpose: thither he convey'd the Arms, Ammunition, and Troops, which he had brought with him. And then he publish'd his Declaration, "That he came with the King's Commission, to assist those his good Subjects, and to preserve them from oppression: That he did not intend to give any interruption to the Treaty that he heard was enter'd into with his Majesty; but, on the contrary, hoped, that his being in the head of an Army, how small soever, that was faithful to the King, might advance the same. However, he had given sufficient proof in his former Actions, that if any Agreement were made with the King, upon the first Order from his Majesty, he should lay down his Arms, and dispose himself according to his Majesty's good pleasure. These Declarations he sent to his Friends to be scatter'd by them, and dispersed amongst the People, as they could be able. He writ likewise to those of the Nobility, and the Heads of the several Clans, "To draw such Forces together, as they thought necessary to joyn with him; and he receiv'd Answers from many of them, by which they desired him "To advance more into the Land (for he was yet in the remotest parts of *Cathness*) and assured him, "That they would meet him with good Numbers: and they did prepare so to do, some really; and others, with a purpose to betray him.

Publishes his  
Declaration.

IN this state stood the Affair in the end of the year 1649: but because the unfortunate Tragedy of that Noble Person succeeded so soon after, without the intervention of any notable circum-

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Moun-  
trose's Af-  
fairs, after  
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the year 49,  
to his death.

circumstances to interrupt it, We will rather continue the relation of it in this place, than defer it to be resum'd in the proper season; which quickly ensued, in the beginning of the next year. The Marquis of *Argyle* was vigilant enough, to observe the motion of an Enemy that was so formidable to him; and had present information of his Arrival in the High-lands, and of the small Forces which he had brought with him. The Parliament was then sitting at *Edenborough*, their Messenger being return'd to them from *Jersey*, with an account, "That the King would treat with their Commis-  
sioners at *Breda*; for whom they were preparing their Instructions.

Colonel  
Straghan  
sent against  
him and his  
small Forces.

THE Alarm of *Mountrose's* being Landed startled them all, and gave them no leisure to think of any thing else than of sending Forces to hinder the recourse of others to joyn with him. They immediately sent Colonel *Straghan* a diligent and active Officer, with a choice Party of the best Horse they had, to make all possible haste towards him, and to prevent the Insurrections, which they fear'd would be in several parts of the High-lands. And, within few days after, *David Lesley* followed with a stronger Party of Horse and Foot. The encouragement the Marquis of *Mountrose* receiv'd from his Friends, and the unpleasantness of the Quarters in which he was, prevail'd with him to march, with these few Troops, more into the Land. And the High-landers flocking to him from all Quarters, though ill Arm'd, and worse Disciplin'd, made him undervalue any Enemy who, he thought, was yet like to encounter him. *Straghan* made such haste, that the Earl of *Southerland*, who at least pretended to have gather'd together a Body of fifteen hundred Men to meet *Mountrose*, chose rather to joyn with *Straghan*: others did the like, who had made the same promises, or stay'd at home to expect the event of the first encounter. The Marquis was without any Body of Horse to discover the motion of an Enemy, but depended upon all necessary Intelligence from the affection of the People; which he believ'd to be the same it was when he left them. But they were much degenerated; the Tyranny of *Argyle*, and his having caused very many to be barbarously Murder'd, without any form of Law or Justice, who had been in Arms with *Mountrose*, notwithstanding all Acts of Pardon, and Indemnity, had so broken their Hearts, that they were ready to do all offices that might gratify and oblige him. So that *Straghan* was within a small distance of him, before he heard of his approach; and those High-landers, who had seem'd to come with much zeal to him, whether terrified, or corrupted, left him on a suddain, or  
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threw down their Armes, so that he had none left, but a Company of good Officers, and five or six hundred Forreigners, *Dutch* and *Grmans*, who had been acquainted with their Officers. With these he betook himself to a place of some advantage by the inequality of the ground, and the bushes and small shrubs which fill'd it: and there they made a defence for some time with notable Courage.

BUT the Enemy being so much superior in number, the Common Soldiers, being all Forreigners, after about a hundred of them were kill'd upon the Place, threw down their Arms; and the Marquis, seeing all lost, threw away his Rib-an and *George* (for he was Knight of the Garter) and found means to change his Cloaths with a Fellow of the Country, By whom Mountrose is routed. and so after having gone on foot two or three Miles, he got into a House of a Gentleman, where he remain'd conceal'd about two days: most of the other Officers were shortly after taken Prisoners, all the Country desiring to merit from *Arville* by betraying all those into his hands which they believ'd to be his Enemies. And thus, whether by the owner of the house. or any other way, the Marquis himself became their prisoner. The Strangers who were taken, were set at Liberty, and Transported themselves into their own Countries; and the Castle, in which there was a little Garrison, presently surrender'd it self; so that there was no more fear of any Enemy those parts.

THE Marquis of *Mountrose*, and the rest of the Prisoners, were the next day, or soon after, deliver'd to *David Lesley*; who was come up with his Forces, and had now nothing left to do but to carry them in Triumph to *Edenborough*; where Notice was quickly sent of their great Victory; which was receiv'd there with wonderful joy, and acclamation. *David Lesley* treated the Marquis with great insolence, and for some days carried him in the same Cloaths and Habit, in which he was taken; but at last permitted him to buy better. His behaviour was, in the whole time, such as became a great man; his countenance Serene and Chearful, as one that was superior to all those reproaches, which they had prepar'd the people to pour out upon him in all the places through which he was to pass.

WHEN he came to one of the Gates of *Edenborough*, he was met by some of the Magistrates, to whom he was deliver'd, Brought to Edenborough. and by them presently put into a new Cart purposely made, in which there was a high Chair, or Bench, upon which he sat, that the People might have a full view of him, being bound with a Cord drawn over his breast and shoulders, and fasten'd through holes made in the Cart. When he

was in this posture, the Hangman took off his hat, and rode himself before the Cart in his Livery, and with his Bonnet on; the other Officers, who were taken Prisoners with him, walking two and two before the Cart; the Streets and Windows being full of People to behold the Triumph over a Person whose Name had made them tremble some few years before, and into whose hands the Magistrates of that place had, upon their knees, deliver'd the Keys of that City. In this manner he was carried to the Common Goal, where he was receiv'd and treated as a Common Malefactor. Within two days after, he was brought before the Parliament, where the Earl of *Lowden*, the Chancellor, made a very bitter and virulent Declaration against him: told him, "He had broken all the Covenants by which that whole Nation stood oblig'd; and had impiously rebell'd against God, the King, and the Kingdom; that he had committed many horrible Murders, Treasons, and Impieties, for all which he was now brought to suffer condign punishment; with all those insolent reproaches upon his Person, and his Actions, which the liberty of that place gave him leave to use.

He is brought  
before the  
Parliament:

His behavi-  
our there.

PERMISSION was then given him to speak; and without the least trouble in his countenance or disorder, upon all the indignities he had suffer'd, he told them, "Since the King had own'd them so far as to treat with them, he had appear'd before them with reverence, and bare-headed, which otherwise he would not willingly have done: that he had done nothing of which he was ashamed, or had cause to repent that the first Covenant, he had taken, and comply'd with it, and with them who took it, as long as the ends for which it was ordain'd were observ'd; but when he discover'd which was now evident to all the world, that private and particular Men design'd to satisfy their own ambition and interest, instead of considering the Publick benefit; and that under the pretence of reforming some errors in Religion they resolv'd to abridge, and take away the King's just power and lawful authority, he had withdrawn himself from that Engagement: that for the League and Covenant, he had never taken it, and therefore could not break it: and it was now too apparent to the whole Christian World, what monstrous mischiefs it had produced: that when, under colour of it, an Army from *Scotland* had invaded *England* in Assistance of the Rebellion that was then against the Lawful King, he had, by his Majesty's Command, receiv'd a Commission from him to raise Forces in *Scotland*, that he might thereby divert them from the other odious prosecution: that he had executed that Commission with the obe-

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dience and duty he ow'd to the King, and in all the circumstances of it, had proceeded like a Gentleman; and had never suffer'd any Blood to be shed but in the heat of the Battle; and that he saw many Persons there, whose lives he had saved: that when the King commanded him, he laid down his Arms, and withdrew out of the Kingdom; which they could not have compell'd him to have done. He said, he was now again enter'd into the Kingdom by his Majesty's Command, and with his Authority: and what Success ever it might have pleas'd God to have given him, he would always have obeyed any commands he should have receiv'd from him. He advis'd them, "To consider well of the consequence before they proceeded against him, and that all his Actions might be examin'd, and judg'd by the Laws of the Land, or those of Nations.

AS SOON as he had ended his discourse, he was order'd to withdraw; and, after a short space, was again brought in; and told by the Chancellor, "That he was, on the Morrow, being the one and twentieth of *May* 1650, to be carried to *Edenborough* Cross, and there to be hanged upon a Gallows thirty foot high, for the space of three hours, and then to be taken down, and his head to be cut off upon a Scaffold, and hanged on *Edenborough* Tolbooth; His Legs and Arms to be hanged up in other publick Towns of the Kingdom, and his Body to be buried at the place where he was to be executed, except the Kirk should take off his Excommunication; and then his Body might be buried in the common place of burial. He desired, "That he might say somewhat to them; but was not suffer'd, and so was carried to the Prison.

*The Sentence against him.*

THAT he might not enjoy any ease or quiet during the remainder of his life, their Ministers came presently to interview him with all the reproaches imaginable; pronounced damnation; and assured him, "That the Judgment he was the next day to suffer, was but an easy Prologue to that which was to undergo afterwards. After many such barbarities they offer'd to intercede for him to the Kirk upon his request, and to pray with him; but he too well understood the form of their Common Prayer, in those Cases, to be the most virulent, and insolent imprecations upon the souls of those they prayed against " (Lord, vouchsafe Yet touch the obdurate heart of this proud incorrigible Sinner, this wicked, perjured, traiterous, and prophane Person, who refuses to hearken to the voice of the Kirk, and the like charitable expressions) and therefore he desired them "To spare their pains, and to leave him to his own Devotions. He

*His discourse with the Presbyterian Ministers.*

told them, "That they were a miserable, deluded, and deluding People; and would shortly bring that poor Nation under the most insupportable Servitude ever People had submitted to. He told them, "He was prouder to have his head set upon the place it was appointed to be, than he could have been to have had his Picture hang in the King's Bed-Chamber: that he was so far from being troubled that his four Limbs were to be hang'd in four Cities of the Kingdom, that he heartily wish'd that he had flesh enough to be sent to every City in *Christendom*, as a Testimony of the Cause for which he suffer'd.

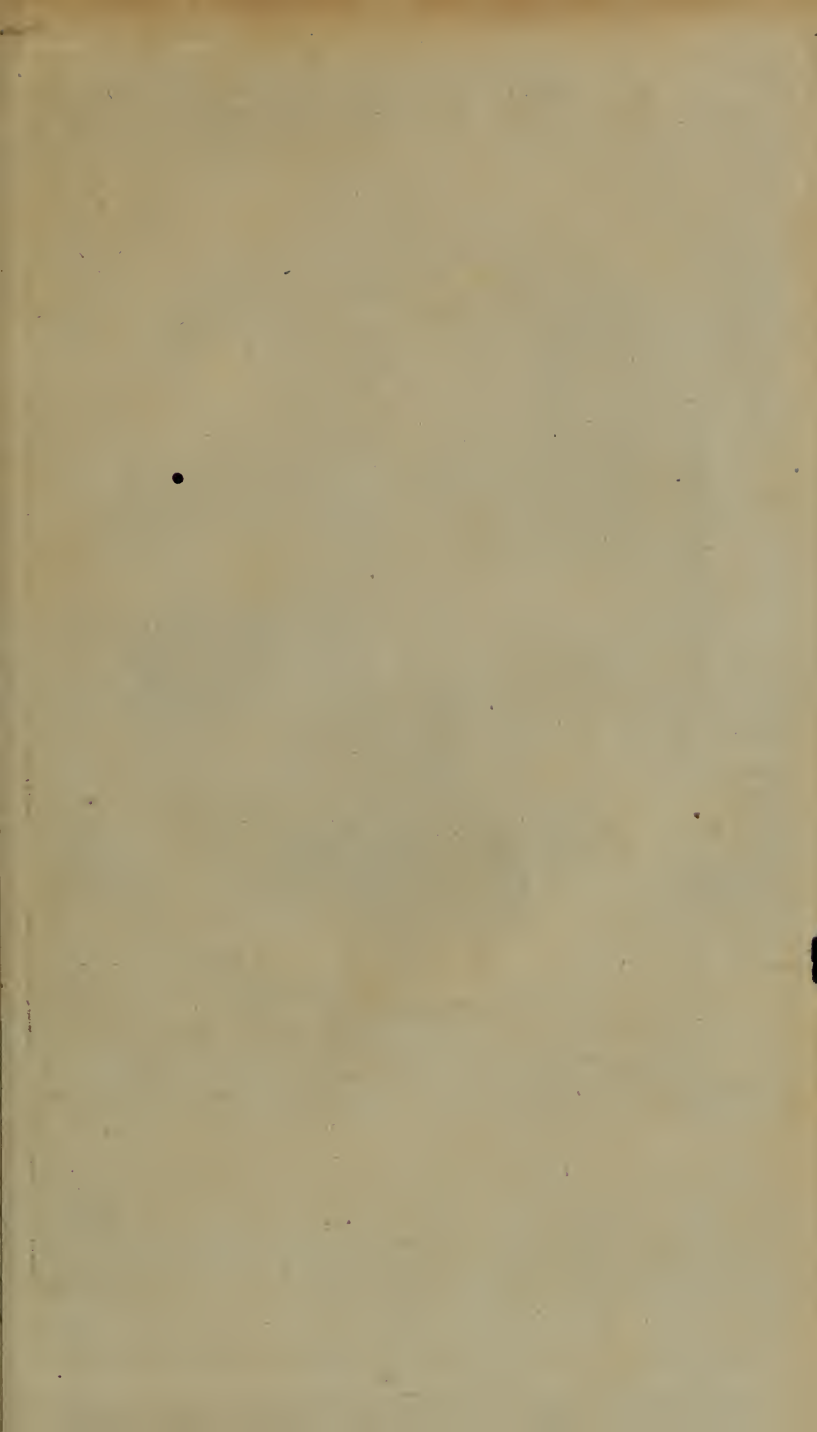
His Execution.

THE next day, they executed every part and circumstance of that barbarous Sentence, with all the inhumanity imaginable; and he bore it with all the courage and magnanimity and the greatest piety, that a good Christian could manifest. He magnified the Virtue, Courage, and Religion of the last King, exceedingly commended the Justice, and Goodness, and Understanding of the present King; and prayed, "That they might not betray Him, as they had done his Father. When he had ended all he meant to say, and was expecting to expire, they had yet one Scene more to Act of their Tyranny. The Hangman brought the Book that had been publish'd of his truly Heroick Actions, whilst he commanded in that Kingdom, which Book was tied in a small Cord that was put about his Neck. The Marquis smil'd at this new instance of their Malice, and thanked them for it; and said, "He was pleas'd that it should be there; and was prouder of wearing it than ever he had been of the Garter; and so renewing some devout Ejaculations, he patiently endured the last Act of the Executioner.

The Execution of his Officers.

SOON after, the Officers who had been taken with him, Sr *William Urry*, Sr *Francis Hay*, and many others, of as good Families as any in the Kingdom, were executed, to the number of thirty or forty, in several quarters of the Kingdom, many of them being suffer'd to be beheaded. There was one whom they thought fit to save, one Colonel *Whitford*; who, when he was brought to dye, said "He knew the reason why he was put to death; which was only because he had killed *Doristlaus* at the *Hague*; which was one of those who had joyn'd in the Murder of the last King. One of the Magistrates, who were present to see the Execution, caus'd it to be suspended, till he presently inform'd the Council what the Man had said, and they thought fit to avoid the reproach; and so preserv'd the Gentleman; who was not before known to have had a hand in that Action.

THUS died the gallant Marquis of *Mountrose*, after he had given





*M. P. G. sculpsit*

*The Marquess of Montrose*



given as great a Testimony of Loyalty, and Courage, as a Subject can do, and perform'd as wonderful Actions in several Battles, upon as great inequality of Numbers, and as great disadvantages in respect of Arms, and other preparations for War, as have been perform'd in this Age. He was a Gentleman of a very ancient Extraction, many of whose Ancestors had exercis'd the highest Charges under the King in that Kingdom, and had been allied to the Crown it self. He was of very good parts, which were improv'd by a good Education: he had always a great emulation, or rather a great contempt of the Marquis of *Argyle* (as he was too apt to condemn those he did not love) who wanted nothing but honesty and courage to be a very extraordinary Man, having all other good Talents in a very great degree. *Mountrose* was in his nature fearless of danger, and never declined any Enterprize for the difficulty of going through with it, but exceedingly affected those which seem'd desperate to other Men, and did believe somewhat to be in himself above other Men, which made him live more easily towards those who were, or were willing to be, inferior to him (towards whom he exercis'd wonderful civility, and generosity) than with his Superiors or Equals. He was naturally jealous, and suspected those who did not concur with him in the way, not to mean so well as he. He was not without Vanity, but his Virtues were much superior, and he well deserv'd to have his Memory preserv'd, and celebrated amongst the most illustrious Persons of the Age in which he liv'd.

THE King receiv'd an Account and Information of all these particulars, before he embarked from *Holland*, without any other Apology for the Affront and Indignity to himself, than that they assured him, "That the proceeding against the late Marquis of *Mountrose* had been for his Service. They who were most displeas'd with *Argyle* and his Faction, were not sorry for this inhuman, and monstrous prosecution; which at the same time must render him the more odious, and had rid them of an Enemy that they thought would have been more dangerous to them; and they perswaded the King, who was enough afflicted with the News, and all the circumstances of it, "That he might sooner take revenge upon that People by a temporary complying with them, and going to them, than staying away, and absenting himself, which would invest them in an absolute Dominion in that Kingdom, and give them power to corrupt or destroy all those who yet remain'd faithful to him, and were ready to spend their lives in his Service: and so his Majesty pursued his former resolution of embarking for *Scotland*."

*The King receives the News of all this.*

The affairs  
of Ireland.

IN *Ireland*, after the Massacre of that Body of *English* at *Tredagh*, and the treacherous giving up the Towns in *Munster*, by the Officers of the Lord *Inchiquin*, there broke out so implacable a jealousy amongst the *Irish* against all the *English*, that no Orders of the Marquis of *Ormond* found any obedience, nor could he draw an Army together. At the making of the Peace, he had consented that the Confederate Roman Catholicks should name a Number of the Commissioners, by whose Orders and Ministry all Levies of Men, and all Collections of Money were to be made, according to the directions of the Lord Lieutenant. And such Persons were named, in whose Affections, for the most part, the Lieutenant was well satisfied, and the rest were such as were not like to be able to give any interruption. A certain Number of these were appointed to be always in the Army, and near the Person of the Lord Lieutenant, and the rest in their several Stations, where they were most like to advance the Service. Many of these Commissioners were of the Roman Catholick Nobility, Persons of Honour, and very sensible of the weakness, wilfulness, and wickedness of that Rebellion; and did manifest all possible zeal and affection to the King's Service, engaging their Persons in all Enterprises of danger, and using all possible industry to raise Men and Money, whereby the Lord Lieutenant might be enabled to carry on the War in the Spring. But many of the other, after those misfortunes had fallen out, which are mention'd before, either totally desponded, and rather thought of providing for themselves than for the preservation of the Publick; or fomented the jealousies which were amongst the *Irish*, and incensed them against the *English*, who were still with the Lord Lieutenant; so that his Orders were not obey'd at all, or not in time, which was as bad; and their Clergy and Fryars publicly incensed the People against the Articles of the Peace, and desired to have an Army raised apart under a General of their own.

THE Lord Lieutenant now discover'd the Reason, why *Owen O Neile* had refused to consent to the Peace which the Confederate Roman Catholicks had made with the King, and kept his Army in *Ulster* from submitting thereunto, and pretended to desire to treat apart with the Lord Lieutenant for himself; which was then thought to proceed from the jealousy that was between Him and *Preston*, and the Animosity between those old *Irish* of *Ulster*, and the other of the other Provinces. But the truth was, from the time of the Marquis of *Ormond*'s transporting himself out of *France*, and that the correspondence was discover'd to be between Him and

and the Lord *Inchiquin*, and the Treaty begun with the Confederate Catholicks, the close Committee at *Westminster* sent secret Instructions to *Monk*, who Commanded part of their Forces in *Ireland*, "That he should endeavour to treat with *Owen O Neile*, and so divide him from the rest of the *Irish*; which *Monk* found opportunity to do: And it was no sooner proposed than hearken'd unto by *O Neile*; who presently sent a trusty Messenger with such Propositions to *Monk*, as he desired to have granted to him. He offer'd, "With his Army, "which should always consist of such a Number of Horse "and Foot, and Artillery, as should be agreed between them, "to serve the Parliament; and not to separate from their Interest; and proposed, "That he and all his party that should "adhere to him, should enjoy the Exercise of their Religion, "without any prejudice or disadvantage: That himself might "be restored to those Lands which his Ancestors had been "possessed of in *Tyrone*, *London-Derry*, or any other parts of "*Ireland*; and that all those, who had, or would adhere to "him, should be likewise restored to their Estates; and that "an Act of Oblivion might be granted. *Monk*, receiv'd these Propositions; and after he had perused them, he sent him word, "That there were some particulars, which he doubted "would shock and offend the Parliament, and therefore desired they might be alter'd; and proposed the alterations he advised; which principally concern'd the Publick Exercise of their Religion; which he so qualified, that they might well enough satisfy; and proposed, "That, if *O Neile* would "consent to those alterations, he would return the Treaty "sign'd by him, which he would immediately send over to "the Parliament for their confirmation; and that in the meantime, there might be a Cessation of Arms between them "for three Months; in which time, and much less, he presumed, he should receive a Ratification of the Treaty from "the Parliament.

*Owen O Neile* consented to the alterations, set his Hand and Seal to the Treaty, and return'd it to *Monk*, with his consent likewise to the Cessation for three Months. And at this time it was, that he refused to agree with the Confederate Council at *Kilkenny* in the Peace with the King. *Monk* sent it presently to the Committee, which had given him Authority to do what he had done. But their Affairs were now better compos'd at home, and some preparations were made towards sending relief for *Ireland*; besides, they had not Authority to make any such Ratification, but presented it to the Parliament, which could only give it. It was no sooner reported there but the House was on fire; all Men inveigh'd

The House re-  
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against " The presumption of *Monk*, who deserv'd to be dis-  
" placed, and to have his Command taken from him, and to  
" have exemplary punishment inflicted on him. They re-  
" member'd how Criminal they had declared it to be in the  
" King himself, to have treated, and made a Peace with the  
" *Irish* Rebels: and what would the People think, and say,  
" if any countenance should be given to the same transgres-  
" sion by the Parliament? if they should Ratify a Treaty made  
" by the most notorious of the Rebels, and with that Peo-  
" ple under his Command, who were the most notorious  
" Contrivers of that Rebellion, and the most bloody Execu-  
" tioners of it? for the most Merciless Massacres had been  
" committed in *Usser*, by that very People who now consti-  
" tuted that Army of which *Owen O Neile* was now General.  
After all the passion and choler which they thought neces-  
" sary to express upon this subject, they declar'd, " That they  
" had given no Authority to *Monk* to enter into that Treaty;  
" and therefore, that it was void, and should never be con-  
" firm'd by them; but that, since he had proceeded out of  
" the sincerity of his Heart, and as he thought (how er-  
" roneously soever) for the good and benefit of the Common-  
" wealth, he should be excused; and no farther question'd  
" thereupon. For they knew well, that he could produce  
" such a Warrant from those in Authority, as would well ju-  
" stify his proceeding: And to the Treaty with *Owen O Neile*  
became void, though they had receiv'd a very considerable  
benefit by it; for though the *Scots* in *Usser* had not yet sub-  
mitted to the Peace, and had not yet receiv'd directions from  
*Edenborough* to acknowledge the Authority of the Lord Lieu-  
tenant, which they ought to have had before that time, yet,  
after the Murder of the late King, they had used all Acts of  
Hostility against the Parliament Forces, and had besieged  
*London-Derry*; the only considerable place that yielded obe-  
dience to the Parliament; which was defended by *St Charles*  
*Coote*, and when it was brought to some extremity, by the  
Cessation made with *Owen O Neile*, and by his connivance  
and assistance, *London-Derry* was reliev'd; and *O. Neile* find-  
ing himself deluded by the Parliament, sent then to offer his  
Service and conjunction to the Lord Lieutenant, with abund-  
ant professions of Fidelity, and Revenge.

CROMWELL made notable use of this Animosity between  
the *Irish* amongst themselves, and of the jealousy they all ap-  
pear'd to have of the Marquis of *Ormond* and of those who  
adher'd to him; and used all the Endeavours he could, by  
some Prisoners who were taken, and by others who were in  
the Towns which were betray'd to him, and were well  
known

known to have affection for the Marquis, to procure a conference with him. He used to ask in such Company, "What the Marquis of *Ormond* had to do with *Charles Stuart*, and what obligations he had ever receiv'd from him? And then would mention the hard measure his Grand-father had receiv'd from King *James*, and the many years Imprisonment he had sustain'd by him, for not submitting to an extrajudicial and private determination of his; which yet he was at last conpell'd to do. He said "He was confident, if the Marquis and He could meet together, upon Conference, they should part very good Friends. And many of those with whom he held these discourses, by his permission and licence, inform'd the Marquis of all he said; who endeavour'd nothing but to put himself into such a Posture, as to be able to meet him as he desired to do.

WHEN *Cromwell* saw that he should be able to do nothing that way, and knew well enough that, besides the Army that yet remain'd under *Owen O Neile* so much disobliged, and provoked, there were still vast Bodies of the *Irish*, which might be drawn together into several Armies, much greater and superior in number to all his Forces, and that they had several great Towns, and strong Holds in their power, he declared a full Liberty, and Authority to all the Officers with the *Irish*, and to all other Persons whatsoever, to raise what Men they would, and to Transport them for the Service of any Forreign Princes with whom they could make the best Conditions; and gave notice to the *Spanish* and *French* Ministers, and Agents at *London*, of the Liberty he had granted. Upon which many Officers who had serv'd the King, and remain'd in *London* in great poverty and want, made Conditions with *Don Alonzo de Cordinas*, to raise Regiments and Transport them into *Spain*; and many Officers who were already in *Spain*, as well *English* as *Irish*, contracted with the Ministers in that Court to raise and Transport several Regiments into that Kingdom from *Ireland*; for which they receiv'd very great Sums of Money in hand; many Merchants joyning with them in the Contract, and undertaking the Transportation upon very good conditions; there being no other danger but of the Sea in the undertaking; insomuch that, in very few Months above a year, there were Embarked in the Ports of *Ireland* above five and twenty thousand Men for the Kingdom of *Spain*; whereof not half were ever drawn into the Field there, and very few ever liv'd to return. For the Officers and Masters of Ships, who contracted, and were bound to deliver their Men at such Ports as were assign'd to them, and where care was taken for their

*Cromwell gives the Irish leave to Transport themselves into any Prince's Service.*

their reception, and conduct to the Quarters which were appointed, according to the Service to which they were design'd, either for *Catalonia* or *Portugal* (after they had been long at Sea, by which the Soldiers, who were crowd'd more together into one Ship than was fit for so long Voyages, had contracted many diseases, and many were dead, and thrown over Board) as soon as they came upon the Coast, made all haste to Land, how far soever from the place at which they stood bound to deliver their Men; by which in those places that could make resistance, they were not suffered to Land, and in others no Provision was made for their reception or march, but very great Numbers were starv'd or knock'd in the Head by the Country People, and few ever came up to the Armies, except Officers; who flock'd to *Madrid* for the remainder of their Monies; where the Ministers receiv'd them with reproaches for not observing their Conditions, and refused to pay either them, or the Masters of the Ships, what remain'd to be paid by them. This was the Case of too many: though the truth is, where the Articles were punctually observ'd, and the Ships arriv'd in the very Ports assign'd, by the defect in the Orders sent from the Court, or the negligent execution of them, the poor Men were often kept from disembarking, till some Officers went to *Madrid*, and return'd with more positive Orders, and afterwards so ill Provision was made for their refreshing and march, that rarely half of those who were shipp'd in *Ireland*, ever liv'd to do any Service in *Spain*: and nothing could be more wonderful, than that the Ministers there should issue out such vast Sums in Money for the raising of Soldiers, and bringing them into the Kingdom at very liberal and bountiful rates to the Officers, and take so very little care to cherish, and nourish them, when they came thither; which manifested how loose the Government was.

It is very true, that there was at that time a much greater inclination in the *Irish* for the Service of *Spain*, than of *France*; yet the Cardinal employ'd more active and dexterous Instruments to make use of the Liberty that was granted, and Shipping was more easily procur'd, the passage being shorter; in so much that there were not fewer than twenty thousand Men at the same time Transported out of *Ireland* into the Kingdom of *France*; of whose behaviour in the one Kingdom and the other, there will be abundant Argument hereafter to discourse at large. In the mean time, it is enough to observe that when the King's Lieutenant, notwithstanding all the promises, obligations, and contracts, which the Confederate Roman Catholics had made to, and with him, could not draw together

together a Body of five thousand Men ( by which he might have been able to have given some stop to the current of *Cromwell's* successes ) *Cromwell* himself found a way to send above forty thousand Men out of that Kingdom for Service of Forreign Princes; which might have been enough to have driven him from thence, and to have restor'd it to the King's entire obedience.

IN *England*, the Spirits of all the Loyal Party were so broken and subdued, that they could scarce breathe under the insupportable burthens which were laid upon them, by Imprisonments, Compositions, and Sequestrations. Whatever Articles they had made in the War, and whatever promises had been made of Pardon and Indemnity, they were now call'd upon to finish their Composition for their Delinquency, and paid dear for the Credit they had given to the Professions and Declarations of the Army, when it seem'd to have pity, and complain'd of the severe and rigorous proceeding against the King's Party, and extorting unreasonable penalties from them; which then they desir'd might be moderated. But now the Mask was off they Sequester'd all their Estates, and left them nothing to live upon, till they should compound; which they were forced to do at so unreasonable rates, that many were compell'd to sell half, that they might enjoy the other towards the support of their Families; which remainder was still liable to whatever impositions they at any time thought fit to inflict upon them, as their Persons were to Imprisonment, when any unreasonable and groundless report was rais'd of some Plot, and Conspiracy against the State.

THE Parliament, which consisted only of those Members who had sate in Judgment, and solemnly Murder'd the King, and of those who as solemnly under their hands had approv'd and commended what the others had done, met with no opposition or contradiction from any, but an entire submission from all to all they did, except only from that part of their own Army which had contributed most to the Grandeur and Empire of which they were possess'd, the *Level-ers*. That People had been countenanced by *Cromwell* to enter into Cabals and Confederacies to corrupt, and dissolve the discipline of the Army, and by his Artifices had been apply'd to bring all his crooked designs to pass. By them he broke the strict Union between the Parliament and the *Scots*, and then took the King out of the hands of the Parliament, and kept him in the Army, with so many fair professions of intending better to his Majesty, and his Party, than the other did; by them the Presbyterians had been affronted, and trodden under foot, and the City of *London* exposed to disgrace and

*The low condition of the Loyal Party in England.*

*The Level-ers mutiny; and are suppressed by Fairfax.*

and infamy; by them he had broken the Treaty of the Isle of *Wight*; driven out of the Parliament, by force of Arms, all those who desir'd Peace, and at last executed his barbarous Malice upon the Sacred Person of the King: And when he had apply'd them to all those uses, for which he thought them to be most fit, he hoped, and endeavour'd to have reduced them again, by a severe hand, into that order and obedience from whence he had seduced them; and which was now as necessary to his future purpose of Government. But they had tasted too much of the pleasure of having their part, and share in it, to be willing to be stripped, and depriv'd of it; and made an unskilful computation of what they should be able to do for the future, by the great things they had done before in those Changes and Revolutions which are mention'd; not considering, that the superior Officers of the Army were now united with the Parliament, and concurr'd entirely in the same designs. And therefore when they renew'd their former Expostulations and Demands from the Parliament, they were Cashear'd, and Imprison'd, and some of them put to death. Yet about the time that *Cromwell*, who had prosecuted them with great fury, was going for *Ireland*, they recover'd their Courage, and resolv'd to obtain those Concessions by force, which were refused to be granted upon their request: And so they mutiny'd in several Parts, upon presumption that the rest of the Army, who would not joyn with them in publick, would yet never be prevailed with to oppose, and reduce them by force. By this confidence deceiv'd them; for the Parliament no sooner commanded their General *Fairfax* to suppress them, than he drew Troops together, and fell upon them at *Banbury*, *Burford*, and in other places; and by killing some upon the place, and executing others to terrify the rest, he totally suppress'd that Faction; and the Orders of those at *Westminster* met with no more opposition.

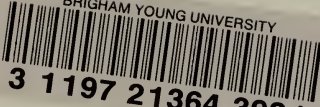
THIS was the State and Condition of the three Kingdoms at the end of the year 1649, some few Months after the King Embarked himself in *Holland* for *Scotland*. And since the next year afforded great variety of unfortunate Actions, We will end this discourse, according to the method We have used, with this year: though hereafter We shall not continue the same method; but comprehend the occurrences of many years in less room, whilst the King rested in a patient Expectation of God's Blessing, and Deliverance.







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